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US bill eyes NMI National Guard

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The Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act that cleared the U.S. House Armed Services Committee last week includes a provision requiring the U.S. Department of Defense to report to Congress on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard unit for the CNMI.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) thanked Committee member Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam) for offering the necessary amendment during the all-day markup of the bill, H.R. 1960.

DoD will also be required to report on having an American Samoa Guard unit.

"The Northern Marianas and American Samoa are the only two U.S. jurisdictions without their own Guard to respond to typhoon, tsunami, earthquake, or other natural or man-made di-

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Sablan

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday his decision to withdraw attorney Ramon "Ray" Quichocho's nomination as Superior Court associate judge was made in the "best interest" not only of the general public and the judicial system but also of the nominee and his family, amid attorney-peers' failing rating on the nominee's suitability for the job, a pending disciplinary complaint, and allegations of fraud, racketeering, and rape, among other things.

ON WITHDRAWING QUICHOCHO'S NOMINATION

Inos: We can't have cloud hanging over our heads

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» **New nominee in 2 weeks' time**



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Gov. Eloy S. Inos answers questions from the media yesterday on his withdrawal of attorney Ramon "Ray" Quichocho's nomination as Superior Court associate judge, his recent trip to Alaska, and other issues.

As of yesterday, the governor is considering a new associate judge nominee among three candidates whom he declined to identify.

He said the new nomination will be made in the next two weeks or so.

Inos said he is not passing judgment on the allegations against Quichocho, but the nature of the controversies including ethical judgments are a cause for concern, considering that the nomination is for an associate judge.

"I've received a lot of support letters,
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FIRST MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Heather L. Kennedy takes her oath of office as magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI before District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona at yesterday's historic judicial investiture ceremony in federal court. Behind Kennedy is her husband, Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig. Holding the Bible are their children—Conall and Shea Hartig.

JIM STOWELL

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Head Start to remain with PSS

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The operation of the local Head Start program will remain with the Public School System, according to Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero yesterday.

Guerrero said that PSS' application to

continue administering the program next school year "has not been rejected" by the federal government.

This is in addition to revelations that the result of the recent comprehensive federal program review showed only two findings, which Guerrero considers

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Administration prepares ferry feasibility study RFP

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan separately confirmed yesterday that the Federal Highway Administration has asked the CNMI to revise the scope of work for a ferry boat feasibility study, specifically to drop a Rota-Guam route at this time because of limited funding and great distance.

At the same time, Inos said his recent trip to Alaska was not to buy the ice-breaking ferry M/V *Susitna* amid rumors of such a purchase.

» Feds ask CNMI to reduce scope of work over funding, distance Inos addresses rumors on Alaska ferry

"We're a long ways from looking at the *Susitna*," Inos said in his first media interviews yesterday. "The ferry is still there."

A \$700,000 offer was made by another party to buy the reported \$80-million ice-breaking ferry, which has not been used

since it was built in Alaska, but the owners did not accept that offer.

Even before the CNMI could even consider buying any ferry, a feasibility study should be done first, Inos said.

DPW's Sablan, in a phone interview, said the RFP for such a feasibility study is being prepared by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority and is funded through Federal Highway Administration funds.

"We provided the initial scope of work but Federal Highway asked us to reduce the scope of work. We initially proposed Rota to Guam but because of

the distance and the cost, plus Guam is another territory, we had to revise the scope of work. We're doing a Saipan-Tinian ferry feasibility study. But later on, we will still pursue the Rota-Guam scope of work," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan said the study would determine, among other things, whether it is economically feasible to have such a Saipan-Tinian ferry service once again and whether it is environmentally sound.

Inos said the CNMI would look at available ferries when the time comes.

He said he was shown videos,

photos and informational materials about the *Susitna* when he was in Alaska but he didn't see the ice-breaking ferry itself, which is in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

"At the appropriate time, when the study says, because the study might recommend, that type of vehicle is not feasible because of the size, the way

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Fund set to hear retirees' plight, urges government to take part

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Retirees and active members of the government pension program will troop to the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium tonight for a meeting with NMI Retirement Fund trustee *ad litem* Joseph Razzano.

Tonight's assembly is scheduled from 6pm to 8pm at the Oleai Sports Complex gym and a large crowd of retirees and their families are expected to take part. To provide attendees more information about the Fund's ongoing issues in and out of the court, Razzano also urged the government to participate in the gathering.

He has invited assistant attorney general Reena Patel to also meet with the retirees.

Razzano disclosed that the meeting is to discuss with retirees the order issued on June 5 by designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.

"The purpose of the meeting is to answer any questions retirees may have regarding the status of their benefits. Because the government has guaranteed the benefits, I am sure the retirees would welcome the opportunity to hear from a representative of the government. I am extending to you personally an invitation to this meeting so we can jointly address retirees' questions and concerns," Razzano told Patel in a letter sent yesterday.

Razzano said it is important that Patel personally hear the retirees' concerns regarding their

pension. This information, he added, should be beneficial to the government during the settlement process and throughout the litigation.

The pension program is projected to last only up to March next year without the infusion of new funds.

The prospect has many retirees worried and depressed.

One retiree, James McMahon, described the ongoing mess at the Fund as premonitions of poverty, an insult, and humiliation to the affected elderly.

"The possibility of a total collapse of [the Retirement Fund] in March 2014...leaves me in a virtually impossible situation.

There is no way that a man in my condition, needing regular medical intervention, can continue to do anything but prepare to die. Even with the benefit of Medicaid I would still be way below a poverty income level," said McMahon.

The way that I see it, the NMI government has plenty of time, with the help of people that are already living here, to find a fair and equitable solution. Try to keep in mind that the retirees did not create this problem and there is no real reason they should bear the brunt of its solution," he added.

In email exchanges and correspondences among and between a host of affected retirees, many are calling on their peers to take a stand and act together for the survival of the pension program, which many of them rely on.

Woman in ID theft case pleads not guilty

A woman who was arrested last week on identity theft charges has pleaded not guilty.

At an arraignment/detention hearing in federal court on Monday, Shuixiang Zhou pleaded not guilty to the indictment that charged her with one count of statement of material fact and one count of aggravated identity theft.

Attorney Colin Thompson, who appeared as court-appointed counsel for Zhou, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to continue the detention hearing in order for him to have more time to review the case.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted Thompson's request and set the detention hearing for tomorrow, Thursday, at 4pm.

Manglona set the jury trial for Aug. 12, 2013. She remanded Zhou to the custody

of the U.S. Marshal.

Federal agents arrested Zhou last week for allegedly identifying herself with another name to officers and agents of the Department of Homeland Security.

Zhou told the court last week that she already hired attorney Mun Su Park as her counsel.

On Monday, Manglona advised Zhou about the difference between her immigration case and her current criminal case. The judge also informed her that the U.S. government filed a motion to detain her.

Manglona then continued the hearing to Monday afternoon where Thompson appeared as court-appointed counsel for Zhou.

According to the indictment, on Oct. 1, 2012 on Saipan, Zhou identified herself as "Xifen Zhou" to officers and agents of DHS. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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PSS to confer diplomas, certificates to nearly 1,500 graduates

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Nearly 1,500 students will be conferred diplomas and certificates this school year, according to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., in her report to the Board of Education yesterday.

Diplomas will be bestowed on 656 seniors in five high schools in the Commonwealth, while 829 junior high school students will be promoted to the next grade level.

The bulk of the 829 junior high students will come from the largest middle school on island, Hopwood Junior High School, which will promote 511 students this year.

Graduation and promotional ceremonies for PSS are sched-

uled to begin this week.

According to Sablan, the nearly 1,500 graduates account for 18 percent of the total number of students in public school right now.

An exit poll among seniors has already been done but the data are still being compiled.

Among PSS personnel, Sablan said that nine employees recently received their baccalaureate degrees from the Northern Marianas College while three are about to get their masters degrees in July.

Sablan also disclosed that 21 employees have enrolled for their masters degrees and other programs for 2014.

Meantime, the Board of Education approved yesterday the one-year certification extension for teachers and counselors who

need to complete Basic 1 and Basic certification requirements.

These two certificates are non-renewable and courses must be

taken in order to obtain the next level of certification, which is

standard with endorsement.

PSS recently issued 90-day notices to 176 personnel for noncompliance with the certification and licensure requirements. Of these number, 54 need to complete their non-renewable Basic I and 2 certificates. This number went up yesterday to 65 teachers, instructors, and counselors who need to take courses for these non-renewable certificates.

Other PSS personnel who received the pink slips just need to submit missing documents on their files such as medical clearance, recommendation letter, police clearance, among others. All these, Sablan said, are renewable certificates.

The board also waived the practicum requirement for teachers who have been actually teaching in classrooms for some time now.



TRANSPORTATION EXPO

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Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority staffs were off-island for their first official trip to attend the Community Transportation Expo 2013 in Albuquerque, New Mexico from June 1 to 4, 2013. From left, Amy Conrick, Joblinks program manager, Community Transportation Association of America; Thomas J. Camacho, special assistant for public transportation, COTA; Caryn Souza, membership director, Awards, Membership, CTAA Directory; Caroline Jeskey, director, Joblinks Program, CTAA. COTA was just accepted as the newest member of CTAA.

Safety issues delay sentencing of ex-cop

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja postponed yesterday the sentencing of former police sergeant Vicente O. Tagabuel, saying he wants more information from the government about legal and safety issues of a former police officer being thrown in prison.

Naraja continued the sentencing of the 54-year-old Tagabuel to July 11, 2013, at 1:30pm.

Tagabuel has pleaded guilty to two counts of disturbing the peace in a 2003 case and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon in a 2012 case.

Assistant attorney general Margo Brown recommends a sentence of two years in prison without parole. Defense attorney Michael Dotts recommends two years of house arrest.

Dotts said that house arrest is more appropriate for Tagabuel.

In the latest case, Dotts said that Tagabuel pounded the top of his car with a knife because he wanted his son to return the vehicle.

"It's a dispute between a father and son," the lawyer pointed out.

Tinian Filipinos to mark PH Independence Day

The Filipino community on Tinian will be celebrating Philippine Independence Day today, June 12, starting with a Mass at 6am. A parade from the church to the courthouse will follow. The Philippine flag and flaglets will be waved during the parade and the Philippine flag will be raised at the courthouse.

A short program will follow consisting of the reading of the NMI-Philippines Friendship Month proclamation signed by acting governor Jude U. Hofsneider on June 7, and a message from Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

The event is led by Rodney Cabarles, president of the United Filipino Association on Tinian.

The United Filipino Association on Tinian will also be inducting a new set of officers on Sunday, June 30, at the courthouse. Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas will induct the new officials. Following the induction is a potluck lunch at Kamer Beach, which will serve as the post-Philippine Independence Day celebration and the family fun day celebration for the Filipino community on Tinian.

(Reina S. Perez)

Rotary Club to hold installation dinner

The Rotary Club of Saipan will hold an installation dinner for its new officers on Friday, June 21, at Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Members of its sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Guam, will also be at the installation dinner.

At yesterday's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan,

the Rotary welcomed back Curtis Dancoo who had been off-island. Guest speakers for the meeting were Homeland Security's Marvin Seman, U.S. Attorney's Office's Joe Taitano, and Marianas High School's John Raulerson.

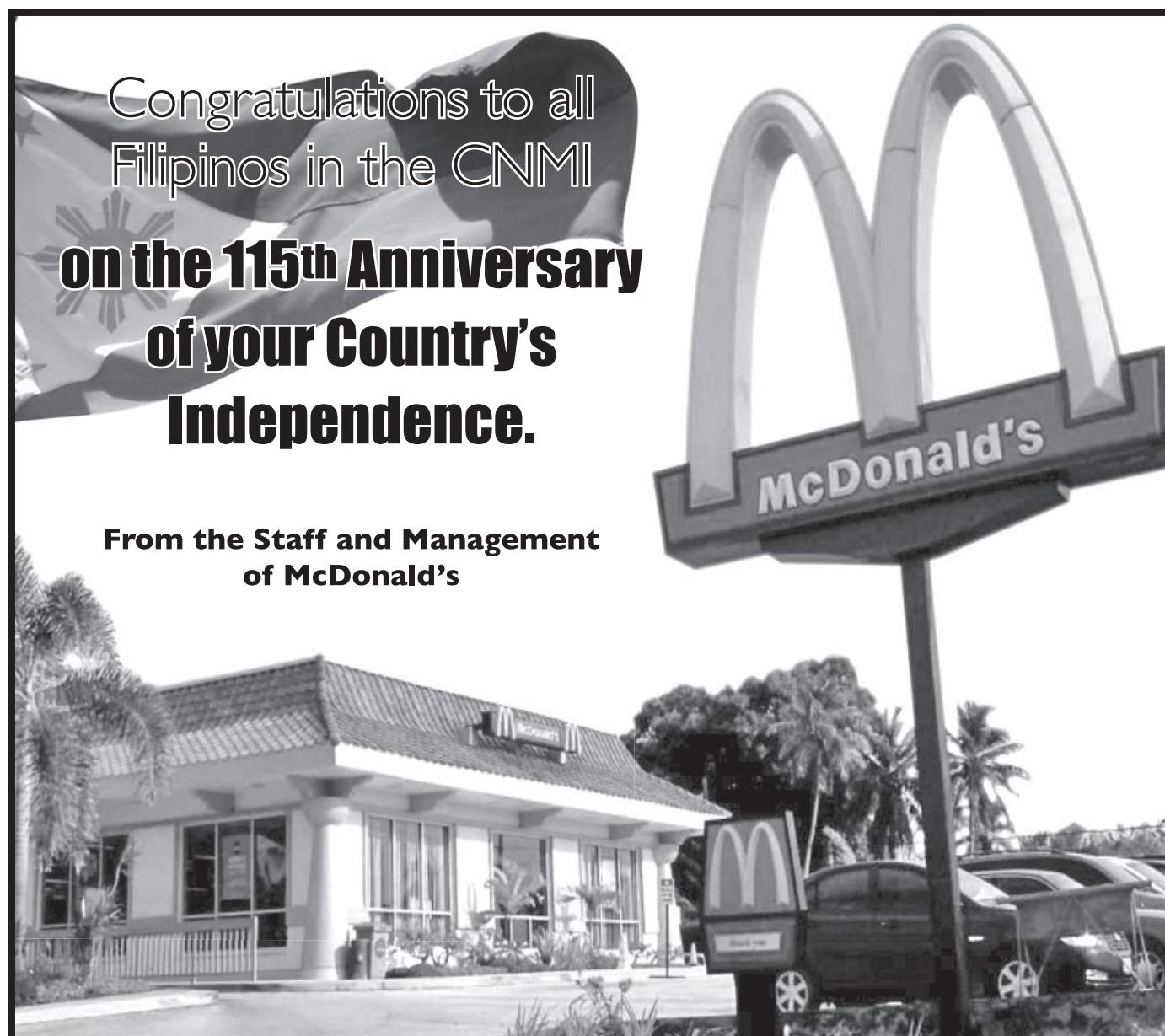
The Rotary Club also paid a moment of silence for fellow businessman Anthony Pellegrino, who passed away on Friday, June 7.

Due to the installation dinner to be held on June 21, there will be no Rotary Club meetings for the next two Tuesdays until July 2. (Reina S. Perez)

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Man, 94, files elderly abuse against his nephew

A 94-year-old man who breathes through a tube inserted into his neck sustained pain in his throat after his nephew allegedly shoved his neck at his house in Garapan last week.

The old man also complained to the police that his 51-year-old nephew, Etumai Felix Mtoched, stole power supply from his house when he went to Palau last December.

Mtoched was arrested Friday on charges of assault and battery, burglary, theft, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$7,250 cash.

Police detective Olympio S. Muna stated in his report that the victim appeared with an interpreter at the Tourist Oriented Policing Section in Garapan on May 23, 2013, and filed a complaint against Mtoched.

Muna said preliminary investigation showed that when the victim came back from Palau on Dec. 8, 2012, he noticed that the padlock of his house was broken.

The victim also found out that the padlock to the door's restroom was also broken. He saw an extension cord plugged into one of the power outlets on the wall leading to Mtoched's house.

The victim said that, in Janu-

ary 2013 he had to pay \$240 in power bill for the December 2012 usage.

Muna said that last Thursday, June 6, the victim and the same interpreter arrived at the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation in Garapan to file another complaint against Mtoched.

Muna said that, according to the victim, Mtoched went to his residence and apologized to

him. The two, however, ended up arguing. Mtoched then allegedly shoved the victim's neck, causing his breathing tube to go into his throat.

The victim fell to the ground and vomited. He later managed to take out the tube and noticed there was blood in it. (Ferdie de la Torre)

ERRATUM

In the story titled "Flag-raising kicks off Philippine Independence Day celebration" that was published on June 11, 2013, the report mistakenly identified the Emon Lodge 179 as the host of the flag-raising ceremony. In fact, the event was hosted by the United Filipino Organization. Our apologies.

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minor issues.

A group of officials from the Office of Head Start Region XI did a weeklong comprehensive assessment of the local program in March this year as part of a tri-annual review. It covered all aspects of program operation, including fiscal, policies, personnel, audit, and others.

An unsatisfactory result may potentially place the program's operation on a competitive basis, meaning other agency or groups can apply to run it.

Guerrero said the Board of Education received the results of the federal review on Monday. In the three-page document, the feds identified only two findings relating to the process of submitting the program annual report and the untimely inventory of program properties and equipment.

Guerrero declined to provide *Saipan Tribune* a copy of the letter, pending discussion of its contents with the full board and the PSS leadership team.

"We are given 120 days to

comply with these two findings which, for me, are both minor issues that can easily be addressed within the given period of time," Guerrero said.

Having only two "minor" citations indicates the good standing of the program under PSS and BOE, he added.

"For me, it means the program is functioning well at PSS because what they have raised are considered minor issues that we can resolve. That report for me, is some sort of a 'pat on the back' for our program as well as the PSS," he said.

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families.

The Office of Head Start, within the Administration of Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services, awards grants to provide comprehensive services to specific communities such as the CNMI.

Each year, the Head Start program in the CNMI is mandated to serve 462 children and has an annual budget of \$1.8 million, of which over \$300,000 is from the local side.

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sasters. I introduced legislation in the last Congress to create an NMI Guard unit, but cost concerns got in the way," Sablan said.

A DOD study will reveal what those costs are and whether the CNMI has the infrastructure and manpower to support its own National Guard.

The 2014 NDAA authorizes \$552.1 billion in spending for national defense and an additional \$85.8 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations. It also maintains an automatic 1.8 percent annual increase in troop pay, maintains current TRICARE co-

payment and fee structures, and includes provisions to prevent sexual assaults in the military.

The NDAA is expected to be considered by the full House this week.

In 2009, the Guam Guard started recruiting eligible individuals in the CNMI to join the Guam Army National Guard. At the time, Guam Guard said the ultimate goal is to establish a unit in the CNMI.

Guam has the highest membership per capita of all Guard organizations in the United States: over 1,300 Guam Air and Army National Guard members for some 160,000 residents. This means 0.81 percent of Guam's population are active Guard members.

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it was made, constructed and so forth. And it's not the only one that's available," Inos said.

Eye-opener

In Alaska, the governor was not able to meet with U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, the ranking Republican member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources that has oversight over the CNMI and other U.S. territories.

At the time, Inos said, there was a storm in the outskirts of Alaska and Murkowski had to attend to that matter.

Inos, however, met with the governor and lieutenant governor of Alaska, which he said has made strides in the use of renewable energy, particularly geothermal energy.

The governor said what he saw in Alaska was an "eye-opener"—referring to geothermal energy production, hot springs and hydroponics facility, among other things, that can be replicated in the CNMI.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Members of the Memorial Service Association for the Deceased Compatriots Overseas and the Korean community, along with CNMI public officials pose for a group photo after the memorial service at the Korean War Memorial Monument in Marpi on Saturday, June 8, at 11am.

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emails from other good folks in the community as well, but I can't have this cloud hanging over our heads. I want a judiciary that is free of all these thoughts about ethics violations and so forth, because I want a higher standard, especially in that branch of government, that's that," Inos said in a sit-down interview with *Saipan Tribune* and KSPN on Capital Hill yesterday.

In his first media interview since returning from a two-week trip to Alaska and Seattle and since withdrawing Quichocho's nomination on Sunday, Inos said he apologizes to the nominee, his family, and supporters and those who may have been affected by the situation.

The governor said Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, when he was acting governor, nominated Quichocho for "very good intentions," it was "very well meaning" and "commendable."

Hofschneider told reporters on Monday, "We all know what happened and I ask that we move forward from here."

ethical transgressions but likely even criminal acts.

Benjamin M. Abrams, an assistant attorney general at the Guam Office of the Attorney General, said the facts strongly suggest that Quichocho took unfair and unethical advantage of a client, Jung Ja Kim, by sexually victimizing her while she was on depression medication, thwarting her recovery, in an act of moral turpitude and violative of the American Bar Association's Disciplinary Rules.

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Lessons learned

The governor said the administration would take additional steps when it comes to selecting nominees, given the lessons learned from Quichocho's nomination which the governor described as a "very contentious" and "very controversial."

He said the administration could get input from the CNMI Bar Association.

Within days of Quichocho's nomination, the CNMI Bar Association conducted a survey among its members and rated Quichocho's suitability for the job. The survey respondents gave Quichocho a failing grade. About 20 percent of the Bar's some 200 members participated in the survey.

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan) earlier said that vetting could go a long way in any ensuring a fair and smooth nomination process.

Before leaving for Alaska and when controversies had already sprang up against Quichocho, Inos said there were options how to deal with the situation including the nominee himself bowing out.

But that didn't happen. When Inos came back, he withdrew Quichocho's nomination.

Inos said he talked to the lieutenant governor on Sunday morning about his planned withdrawal of Quichocho's nomination that afternoon.

That was on the eve of a Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations' 10am Monday public hearing on Quichocho's nomination.

Inos also said his reservation about the nomination was the reason behind the administration not submitting Quichocho's documents to the Senate.

He said he would have wanted to sit down with Quichocho in light of the complaints against him.

Quichocho submitted the documents to the Senate EAGI Committee chaired by Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

Cruz, in a phone interview yesterday, reiterated that he is not changing any Senate rule or the Constitution.

He said the Senate rules, for example, do not state whether the documents such as police clearance, resume, statement of financial interest and drug test

results should come from the administration or the nominee. Quichocho submitted the documents to the Senate committee, Cruz said. The two are cousins.

Still, the governor said he was taken aback by what transpired.

"I was a bit taken aback by the fact that his nomination documents were not completed and the committee went ahead and set up a public hearing. I took that as a... I felt bad about that," the governor said.

Reservations

Inos said he had reservations about Quichocho's nomination from the start.

"But those reservations were taken cared of by my personal contact with the nominee and I was assured that everything was okay. Maybe everything was okay for the nominee as far as he's concerned, even at this time. I'm just concerned about whether it's true or not true, the appearance of it is not good, I just can't move forward with this thing. I think it's best that we pull it off and I apologize to those, to the nominee and the members who supported," the governor said.

Quichocho was counsel for a taxpayers' lawsuit against a sole-source, 25-year \$190.8-million diesel power purchase agreement that became one of the bases for two impeachment resolutions against former governor Benigno R. Fitial. Quichocho was also among the few practicing attorneys that openly supported Fitial's impeachment.

Quichocho has not replied to media requests for comments.

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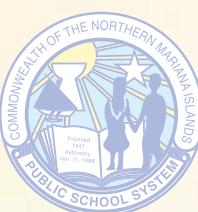
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U.S. District Court for the NMI magistrate judge Heather L. Kennedy, fourth from left, poses for a group photo with, from left to right, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Emeritus Alex R. Munson, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alejandro Castro, Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos, CNMI Supreme Court Associate Justice John Manglona, and Superior Court Associate Judge David Wiseman, during yesterday's judicial investiture ceremony. **JIM STOWELL**

Kennedy takes oath as 1st ever District Court magistrate judge

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Attorney Heather L. Kennedy took her oath yesterday as the first ever magistrate judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

"Today, I humbly accept the additional responsibilities required of a U.S. magistrate judge," said Kennedy, who becomes the third of only three combined clerk of court and part-time magistrate in the country.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona administered the oath of office for Kennedy during the historic investiture ceremony at the Horiguchi Building in Garapan. The position is a four-year term.

Chief public defender Douglas W. Hartig presented the judicial robe to his wife, Kennedy. Their two children—Conall, 8, and Shea, 10—held the Bible. Kennedy's parents watched the ceremony via Facetime from Rhode Island. It was her mother's birthday yesterday.

In her judicial address, Ken-

nedy promised to serve the court and the community with integrity and hard work.

"As clerk of court, I will work diligently to ensure that clerk's office enables efficient access to justice for our community," she said. "As a magistrate judge, I will demonstrate fairness and respect to all who appear before me. I hope to serve this court with distinction."

As a part-time magistrate judge, Kennedy said she joins about 40 other part-time magistrate judges across the country serving remote locations and becomes only the third in a combined position.

When called upon by Manglona, Kennedy will perform a range of judicial responsibilities, including presiding over preliminary criminal proceedings, such as initial appearances and detention hearings. In civil cases, Kennedy will assist Manglona when called upon to address preliminary civil matters.

"I pledge to exercise care when issuing arrest and search

warrants and presiding over any criminal proceeding," she said. "I will do my best to assist parties in finding resolution of their disputes through mediation and settlement."

Born in New York and raised in Connecticut, Kennedy graduated with honors in Economics and English from Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. She earned her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis.

In her welcome remarks, Manglona said that Kennedy brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in judicial administration to the Clerk of Court's Office, and her extensive legal experience to her role as magistrate judge.

"In the short two months here, she has shown her dedication, professionalism, sense of integrity for the court. I am

certain she will continue to do so with this added responsibility of upholding the rule of law," Manglona said.

Manglona disclosed that it was U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Emeritus Alex R. Munson who came up with the idea of having a magistrate judge and worked for its approval.

She said the establishment of the position started in October 2008 when

Munson briefly spoke about it to Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals during the Annual District Court conference on Saipan.

Munson then made a formal request to the Ninth Circuit. Five months later, in May 2009, the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit voted to support the request.

Manglona said the Magistrate Judge's Division of the Administrative Office for the U.S.

Courts in Washington, D.C. received notice of the Ninth Circuit's decision to support Munson's request, and evaluated the basis for the request.

A survey report was then made and, based on the report, the Magistrate Judge's Division also recommended the approval of the position for the district.

Manglona said the survey report was considered by the Judicial Conference Committee on the Administration of Magistrate Judges System, which approved the report and recommendation in June 2009.

Three months later, the Judicial Conference of the U.S., chaired by the Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, approved the combined position.

In January this year, the District Court began the search for a qualified candidate. Applicants from throughout the U.S. were vetted by a three-member merit selection panel. Manglona said that Kennedy was selected from this group of talented and highly qualified professionals.

"Today, after the successful completion of her background investigation, Heather Kennedy takes on the role of part-time magistrate judge," Manglona said.

Manglona cited Kennedy's 17 years of legal experience and prior jobs before joining the federal court.

Kennedy used to serve as executive director of the Law Revision Commission and general counsel to the NMI Judiciary. She also worked as legal counsel and equal employment opportunity officer for the CNMI Public School System from 1999 to 2007. Kennedy assumed the role of Clerk of Court in April.

In his brief speech, Munson said that Kennedy's oath taking as a magistrate judge is a big moment in the history of the Commonwealth and certainly a significant moment in Kennedy's life.

CNMI current and former justices and judges, lawyers, law enforcement officers, and other members in the community attended the ceremony.

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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

PSS: 300 fewer children get daily breakfast meals

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

As much as 300 elementary students have opted not to participate in the Public School System's breakfast meal program, and PSS believes this may be due to the new schedule for classes.

PSS Food and Nutrition Service program manager Dale Roberts said the decline may be a result of the modified class schedule implemented for elementary, with classes starting at 8am, a bit later than the previous year's schedule of 7:30am. A slight decrease in elementary enrollment may also be a factor.

Agencies' merger seen to boost security

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

Two departments merged in March this year to become the CNMI Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, centralizing the CNMI's security and emergency management efforts.

Marvin Seman of the CNMI Department of Homeland Security briefed members of the Saipan Rotary Club yesterday about the merger and how it brings together regional and federal efforts to secure the Commonwealth.

Seman said the agency will be doing more public outreach to educate the community about the merger of the two departments.



Seman



Taitano

The department is currently working on changing the tsunami information. It will be a simple process that includes the image of Saipan that indicates which areas to avoid if a tsunami were to hit the island. It is especially designed to help visitors who do not know the villages on the island by name.

The department also offers training for people who want to be CPR certified. Seman invites the public to the opening of the first state emergency operation center on Capitol Hill on July 9.

The newly merged department also works with the U.S. Attorney's Office on several occasions and Joe Taitano of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the districts of Guam

and the CNMI says that they are currently working on a state and local anti-terrorism training program for Guam and the CNMI.

Taitano addressed the importance of security on a national as well as a regional basis. He referred to national news such as the Boston Marathon bombings, the ricin letters, and the whistleblower, as well as to regional news such as the contractor with Pacific Command in Honolulu, Benjamin Bishop, who leaked information to a Chinese spy at a conference concerning nuclear capabilities, the threat from North Korea, the avian flu A(H7N9) virus from China, and the dispute between China and the Philippines over the Spratly Islands.

Taitano says the main concern for national security is terrorism in the form of weapons of mass destruction. He says that the U.S. Attorney's Office and Homeland Security are doing their best to ensure the safety of the nation and its territories.

school year due to changes in the national meal menu.

Currently, meal participation at the elementary level is over 90 percent daily, Roberts said, while secondary schools have 75 percent participation.

Both numbers, he said, are above national numbers.

"We have bigger decrease in breakfast [for elementary] and I've been noticing 250 and 300 fewer breakfasts this year because some kids are already eating with their families at home before they can even go to school," according to Roberts.

Classes at the secondary level start at 8:30am.

Some Board of Education members recently cited the dissatisfaction of many students and even some parents over the food choices at schools. Black beans, mixed rice, pizza bread, among others, were described as "non-appealing."

Roberts said these food choices will remain in the new school meal for school year 2013-2014, which was adopted by the board Monday.

"We didn't make many changes in the new school menu because we're kind of worried in making big changes as we don't have yet an RD [registered dietitian]. Once you make changes, you got to have someone licensed to sign those [changes]," Roberts said, adding that even a small and simple

change in the food menu has a domino effect, not only in the daily but weekly requirements from vendors. Adopting any change is more complicated than it used to be, he added.

He bared plans, though, of changing three to four dishes in the menu once a dietitian is hired.

"If we change the black bean to another bean, someone is not going to be happy with a new bean. Beans have to be on the menu somewhere there in the week and it's only a very small amount. I think black beans is only on the menu maybe thrice a month," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

For mixed white and brown rice, Roberts said that PSS is not ready to change this. "The only change we could make is to go full brown rice and we're not ready for that yet. Rice is considered a grain and 50 percent of your grain has to be whole grain," he explained. Roberts believe that "no matter what's in the school menu, there's going to be something that somebody doesn't like."

He disclosed that dishes with chicken remain the most popular for elementary students. Though pork is also popular, some students have asked not be served pork dishes due to their religious beliefs, resulting in the creation of alternative meals.

Few swaps and switches

Roberts said that any planned revision will only happen once a dietitian is hired. For now,

FNS can only made a few "swaps" or "switches" in the breakfast, which means offering a certain meal at a different schedule in a week.

During Thursday's meeting of the BOE's fiscal and personnel committee, chair Herman T. Guerrero and member Marylou Ada described the proposed school menu as "good variety and a good start," despite having only minor changes in the plan.

According to Roberts, one of the main factors in the decline in the number of high school students participating in the meal program is they have the option to eat out.

"Traditionally, high school kids are lower [in participation] because they have choices before they go to school. They can drive and get their own food and some do not even eat at the school cafeteria. These students are closer to being adults and make adult decisions," he said.

This new school year, FNS targets to increase high school participation by offering more popular sandwiches and lasagna, among others.

Roberts maintains that school menus are "nutritious, healthy, and they set a good pattern for making good healthy choices for their future."

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The H.O.M.E. Visiting Program is an acronym for Healthy Outcomes for Maternal and Early Childhood. The program sets out to improve the health and developmental outcomes for pregnant mothers and infants no older than 3 months of age who reside in at risk communities.

What is the purpose for this program?

To strengthen the early childhood system in the community and to support families and communities in the development of children who are healthy and ready to learn at school entry. The program wants to also strengthen and enhance initiatives/activities, expand and improve coordination, and assure the provision of comprehensive services for families who reside in at risk communities.

What are the program objectives?

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- Produce and deliver quality service to families in at-risk communities

What Services are provided?

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A standardized screening tool will be used to identify families who are eligible to enroll and who will benefit from the program

This has been funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), for more information please contact

664-4030/33/35

UNITED STATES COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 12, the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities is hereby gives notice that it will hold a 2nd Quarter General Membership Meeting on Friday, June 21, 2013, from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Charley's Room, Pacific Islands Club - Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – January 29, 2013
- V. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Election of Officer
 - i. Secretary
 - b. Review and approval of State Plan Amendments for FY 2014 to 2016
- VI. REPORT
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Executive Director
 - c. Fiscal Committee Chairperson
 - d. State Plan Committee Chairperson
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Call-A-Ride Saipan Transportation Program Update
 - b. Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority Update
 - c. Voices of the CNMI - Saipan, Tinian and Rota Chapter Updates
 - d. Status of Commonwealth Respite Services Program Regulations
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Summer Camp Update
- IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. MISCELLANEOUS
- XI. NEXT MEETING
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

Note: Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 13(a) 7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session.

In accordance to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend this meeting and require special accommodations are requested to call the Council 5 days in advance at 664-7000. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/s/ Thomas J. Camacho
Chairman

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Coach tells of how NMI team won RWDC

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

John Raulerson, the coach of the MHS Aeronautical Dolphins that recently took the top prize at this year's Real World Design Challenge in Washington, D.C., regaled members of the Saipan Rotary Club yesterday about how the team ended up winning first place in the competition.

This year's challenge, Raulerson said, was for the team to design a small unmanned aircraft system (or unmanned aircraft vehicle) for search and rescue missions.

The MHS Aeronautical Dolphins team, composed of Jill Ann Arada, Clariza Magat, Stephanie Xiao, Cecilia Huixin Xu, John Paul Aglubat, and Jessica Bigueras, made a flight plan with 922 snapshots that impressed the judges, said Raulerson.

Competing against over 30 other state challenge winners, the CNMI team came in the top three, along with New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. Each of the top three teams then gave a presentation, from which the judges based their decision on who would be named champion.

Raulerson said he would have been happy with just getting third place. He was in for a surprise when the New Hampshire team was called for third place. Again, Raulerson would have been happy with being the second top team in the nation. The shock came again when the Pennsylvania team was called for second place.

The CNMI team from Marianas High School had taken the

top seat in the nation. According to Raulerson, the CNMI team became "number one in the nation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

President Barack Obama himself is one of the biggest supporter of the RWDC, said Raulerson, who is a teacher of Marianas High School's aviation program.

According to its website, "the

Real World Design Challenge is an annual competition that provides high school students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. Each year, student teams will be asked to address a challenge that confronts our nation's leading industries. Students will utilize professional engineering software to develop their

solutions and will also generate presentations that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions. The RWDC provides students with opportunities to apply the lessons of the classroom to the technical problems that are being faced in the workplace."

For more information about the competition, visit www.realworlddesignchallenge.org.



John Raulerson, a Marianas High School teacher and coach of the Aeronautical Dolphins, speaks at the weekly Saipan Rotary Club meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

REINA S. PEREZ

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MCS Class of '93 meeting today

The Mount Carmel High School Class of 1993 will be having weekly class reunion planning meetings beginning today, Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 12pm at Joe Guerrero's office on Capital Hill. Classmates able to assist in the planning of reunion events scheduled for July 6 and 7 are welcome to join this meeting. Questions? Contact Carol Chargualaf at 285-7593 or email her at carol.chargualaf@gmail.com or Joey Guerrero at 483-4116. (PR)

ation, scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2013, at 4pm at the American Memorial Park. Thank you for supporting the Ayuyu family! (PR)

Financial accounting and reporting

The UOG School of Business and Public Administration in conjunction with Becker Professional Education offers a graduate course in Financial Accounting and Reporting beginning Aug. 3, 2013. This course is part of a series of CPA review courses offered by the university. BA693C-70 - Financial Accounting and Reporting will be held Aug. 3 to Oct. 19, 2013, on Saturdays from 8:30am to 12:30pm, in the SBPA Bldg., 262 Camacho Graduate Classroom. The instructor is Dr. Filomena Cantoria. For more information or to register contact cmoore@uguam.uog.edu. (UOG)

Naval Base Guam to eliminate vehicle decals July 1

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam will eliminate the requirement for vehicle decals effective July 1.

Andersen Air Force Base already does not require vehicle decals to enter the installation.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, 100 percent identification card checks have been implemented at all Department of Defense installations. Authorization to access any DoD installation is based on verification of a valid credential or I.D. card. Vehicle decals were used to ensure vehicles on Navy installations complied with state requirements for vehicle registration and insurance. State and local programs have become more uniform and efficient, eliminating one of the main reasons for vehicle decals.

Other issues prompting the change in policy include expense in administering the program; decals being moved from vehicle to vehicle and are easily counterfeited and cars sold to non-Department of Navy personnel with current decal still attached, all posed additional security risks to Navy installations.

Persons using privately-owned vehicles on Navy installations will still be required to meet local requirements including valid insurance, vehicle safety inspections, and registration.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 7th birthday greetings going out to Reed Jr. T. Camacho! We wish you all the best on your special day and ask the Lord for His continued guidance and blessings for many more blessed and happy years to come. We love you! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, and your family.

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2013-CDA-03-RFP**

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FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2013 AND 2014 FOR CDA and NMHC

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/S/ MANUEL A. SABLON
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 12, 2005

Senate OKs bills on foreign nationals' entry

The Senate approved Friday two bills it said would deter the entry to the CNMI of unwanted aliens such as suspected terrorists and members of criminal groups. It said the bill would also stop the employment of illegal foreign nationals. The Senate passed without changes Senate Bill 14-88, which amends the CNMI Entry and Deportation Act relating to "excludable aliens" and "voluntary departures," and S.B. 14-89, which aims to amend sections 4381 and 4442 or Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code, which relate to illegal alien employment activities. Sen. Paterno Hocog, who introduced the bills over a week ago, cited in S.B. 14-88 that the current immigration law does not provide authority for the exclusion of foreign nationals who could threaten the safety or security of the CNMI.

Atomic bombing survivors to recount experience

Tickets have already been printed for this coming August's Hibakusha Experience, which is an oral retelling of the sufferings of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombing survivors. The Hibakusha Experience would be held on Saipan on Aug. 2, on Tinian on Aug. 4, and on Rota on Aug. 6. Tinian Municipal Council executive director James Mendiola Jr. is inviting the public to attend the Hibakusha Experience so that they could hear firsthand accounts of survivors of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki 60 years ago. The atomic bombings near the end of World War II marks the first and only time nuclear weapons were used on a civilian population.

June 12, 2006

Pagan mining RFP draft now complete

The governor's Pagan Mining Task Force has finished drafting a request for proposals that requires detailed information regarding investors interested in the mining project. The task force, headed by Representative and PaganWatch member Jacinta Kaipat, said the draft RFP would be widely circulated to generate public input, while the administration awaits the resolution of the dispute over the termination of JG Sablan Rock Quarry's 1995 mining permit. The draft bid request provides background information on the Commonwealth and Pagan pozzolan, and sets specific requirements for mining permit applicants.

'Not all hope is lost for govt workers'

All hope is not quite lost for government contractual workers who are facing termination, according to top officials of the Fitial administration. The possible passage of the government's bailout bills, the hugeness of the amount to be saved from the layoffs, and the option of cutting the wages of highly paid appointees all indicate that the administration may not actually have to terminate all contractual employees. It was announced earlier that the government layoffs would affect practically all excepted service employees, who make up about half of the government's 5,000-strong workforce. Finance Secretary Eloy Inos said that the government stands to save \$75 million a year from laying off all of its contractual workers.

June 12, 2007

Military contractors vet NMI

A team of U.S. and Japanese military contractors are arriving this weekend to explore opportunities in view of the goal of developing Saipan and Tinian as warehousing and transportation hub. The team, led by John E. Baggott of Bechtel National and four representatives from large Japanese construction and engineering companies, including Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, will be visiting Saipan and Tinian on June 16. Baggot is Space and Missile Defense manager at Bechtel National. Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Juan T. Guerrero said yesterday that Chamber board officials will meet with the group on Saturday morning. The group will then proceed to Tinian for meetings with local government officials and business representatives.

'Minimum wage hike may have exemptions'

Barely seven weeks before the wage hike comes into effect, the CNMI Department of Labor is still studying the full impact of the law on the islands. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said that based on a preliminary review of the federal legislation, some employees may be excluded. According to Reyes, job categories exempted under the Fair Labor Standards Act include farmers (if fewer than six workers), fishermen, and domestic helpers providing special services or care for the elderly and persons with disabilities. He also said that live-in house helpers may not be entitled to overtime pay.

Diving magazine to feature Flipper Tournament

Japan's *Marine Diving* magazine returns to the Northern Marianas this week to cover the 5th Annual Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament on June 15, 2013.

The magazine will devote five pages of its August issue to the race, as well as diving spots around Saipan and other tourist attractions.

"*Marine Diving* magazine has been in existence for 44 years and their last visit here was in 2009. It's great to have them again turn their focus to the underwater wonders of the Northern Marianas," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "With their circulation of 170,000 hard core divers, this is an excellent opportunity to tout the award-winning waters of our islands."

For 10 consecutive years Managaha has been named "Best Beach and Snorkeling" at Japan's annual Marine Diving Fair, and local swimmers are invited to join visiting competitors in swimming around the island on June 15.

The Saipan International Open Water Flipper Tournament is a 1.5 km swim around the island and requires swimmers to use fins mask and a snorkel. Either a wetsuit or a life jacket must also be worn. Competition age divisions are: 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60-and-up. Those age 18 and under will be entered into the Junior Division.

Free ferries for competitors will depart Smiling Cove Marina to Managaha promptly at 4:45am the morning of the race. The race will begin at 6:30am, followed by an island-style breakfast and awards ceremony on the white sand beaches of Managaha.

The cost is \$25 for Northern Mariana Island residents

Oceana visits Saipan, Rota

Japan's largest diving-oriented website will spend a week and half on Saipan and Rota in preparation for introducing the Northern Marianas on their website in July.

An editor/writer, photographer, and model for website Oceana arrived on June 10 and will conduct two or three filmed scuba dives a day during their visit.

"Although Oceana is a relatively new website, they have quickly gained popularity and we are pleased to have them turn their attention to the Northern Marianas," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "With their circulation of 170,000 hard core divers, this is an excellent opportunity to tout the award-winning waters of our islands."

The FAM tour is also supported by the Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association. (MVA)

with valid I.D. The deadline to register with the MVA is June 14, 2013, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm during the orientation at the Micro Beach pavilion on Saipan. Participants must be in good health with snorkeling or diving experience.

China, the MVA continues to attract media coverage of the islands through outlets such as Oceana at a minimal cost."

The estimated advertising exposure value of the FAM tour is \$32,000. Oceana opened in 2012 and targets men and women interested in diving and marine activities. The website has over 154,000 page views every month and uses social networking to promote their main site to divers. Oceana has introduced major overseas diving destinations such as Palau, the Philippines, and Papua New Guinea.

The event is also sponsored by the Community Sports Center Foundation of Japan. For more information or a registration form, contact the MVA at 664-3210 or visit the Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com. (MVA)



GOOD JOB!

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Congratulations to Jaime Palacios Pangelinan for successfully completing her Masters in Architecture from the California College of the Arts in San Francisco, California on May 18, 2013. We are very proud of your accomplishment and wish you success in your future endeavors. With love from Mom, Dad, and your siblings.

Rep. Taitano sues DPL, CHC over land lease deal

Rep. Mariano Taitano (Ind-Saipan) has filed a taxpayer lawsuit to void a land lease transaction between the Department of Public Lands and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Taitano, through counsel Joseph Horey, is suing DPL and CHC for breach of fiduciary duty.

The lawmaker asked the Superior Court to void the conveyance of the land from DPL to CHC and the option of lease agreement between CHC and Landscape.

Taitano also asked the court to award him costs and attorney's fees.

According to Horey in the complaint, DPL conveyed to CHC in January last year a piece of public land consisting of 38,574 square meters located next to CHC at the

intersection of Navy Hill Road and Middle Road.

Horey said the stated purpose of the conveyance was that CHC will lease the land for purpose of generating income.

On April 2, 2013, the U.S. General Services Administration announced that it was seeking to lease property on Saipan for a new federal courthouse.

On April 19, 2013, the CHC board adopted a resolution recommending that CHC lease up to 10,000 square meters of the land for the federal courthouse.

On April 22, 2013, CHC executed an option to lease agreement document in which it granted to Landscape Management Systems Inc., an option valid for up to one year, to lease, for a minimum of 25 years, at

least 10,000 square meters of the land, in the event Landscape is awarded the contract for the new federal courthouse.

Landscape is a Guam corporation engaged in the business of landscaping and grounds keeping services.

Horey said DPL breached its fiduciary duties by, among other things, conveying the land for use for commercial purposes to the holder of an interest in adjoining public land, without recommendation by the DPL Advisory Board to the Legislature, or approval by the Legislature in joint session.

Horey said CHC has breached its fiduciary duties, by not soliciting proposals from other potentially interested lessees. (Ferdie de la Torre)



SPECIAL MASS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI Battalion Family and Fr. Rey Rosal have their picture taken after Friday night's special Mass honoring the two fallen Guardsmen, Sgt. Eugene "Mikey" Aguon and Spc. Dwayne Aguon with the Guam Army National Guard, 1-294th Infantry Regiment. Fr. Rosal delivered a very warm yet strong homily to everyone present at the Mass. The battalion family and soldiers wish to thank everyone who made time to join us in prayers and those that wish but could not make it. Let us all continue to pray for every soldier deployed for their everyday safety as they carry on with their mission. God bless!

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Public Notice – Special Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Advisory Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation will hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 10:30 am at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Public Comments
- II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - May 17, 2013 minutes
- IV. MANAGEMENT REPORTS**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. CMS Corrective Action Plan Update
 - B. Nursing Department
 - a. Immigration
 - b. Skills Assessment & Staffing
 - C. CHCC Strategic Plan
 - D. The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. CEO/CFO Recruitment Update
- VIII. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**
 - Financial Performance Review (Health Tech Report, pp 5-19) including FY 2014 Budget
 - Litigation Update
 - Human Resources Department
 - Credentialing of Medical Staff
- IX. MISCELLANEOUS**
 - A. Next Meeting
 - B. Adjournment

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
June 12, 2013

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. KANOA RESORT	4/26/2013 SMS-84-X-28(Amend)	Renovation	Susupe	Amendment	Approved (05/22/2013)*
2. NIIZEKI INTERNATIONAL SAIPAN	05/01/2013 SLRm-2013-X-028	Land Clearing	Susupe	Shoreline APC	Approved (05/16/2013)*
3. AQUA BLUE SAIPAN, INC.	05/07/2013 SSm-2013-X-030	Scuba Diving Operation Tour	Lagoon & Reef	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (05/19/2013)*
4. SAIPAN SEA CRUISES, INC.	05/10/2013 SPLm-2013-X-032	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (05/13/2013)*
5. Saipan Sun	05/20/2013 SPLm-2013-X-034	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (05/22/2013)*
6. DTC Saipan	05/28/2013 SPLm-2013-X-035	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (06/04/2013)
7. Rita S. Dela Cruz	06/03/2013 SPLm-2013-X-036	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (06/04/2013)*
8. Norman Tenorio	06/06/2013 SPLm-2013-X-037	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (06/07/2013)*
9. Axe Murderer	06/04/2013 SLRm-2013-X-038	Scuba Diving Operation	Lagoon & Reef	Lagoon & Reef APC	Approved (06/07/2013)*
10. Saipan TV Production	06/07/2013 SSm-2013-X-039	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (06/07/2013)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Opinion

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Clues on Turkey in jailing of educator

If you want to understand why tens of thousands of young urban Turks have been demonstrating against their government, you need look no further than the tragic plight of Kemal Guruz.

Guruz, one of Turkey's most distinguished academic reformers and the onetime head of Turkey's Higher Education Council (known as YOK), has been held without charges in a maximum-security prison for nearly a year.

An indictment against him was finally issued a couple of weeks ago, but the details have not been made public nor revealed to him or his family. The case is supposedly related to a long-running investigation launched by the "moderate" Islamic government of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan into events that led to the resignation of a more hard-line Islamist government in 1997.

Guruz, an outspoken advocate of Turkey's secular traditions, says he had no links whatsoever to the 1997 events—which Erdogan's followers regard as a "soft" coup—and no credible evidence to the contrary has been presented. Rather, Turkish human-rights activists believe Guruz's arrest is part of a systematic effort by Erdogan's AKP party to intimidate academics, journalists, and others who oppose its efforts to Islamize society.

The dragnet arrests that ensnared Guruz reflect the same arrogance of power that was on display last week when the government responded brutally to peaceful environmental protests against the destruction of Istanbul's Gezi Park. That arrogance transformed a small demonstration into nationwide protests by middle-class, (mostly) secular youth against government intimidation of those with different views.

Erdogan has racked up solid domestic achievements—notably, economic growth that has expanded the middle class. But the crackdown in Gezi Park triggered an explosion of pent-up outrage over the AKP's crony capitalism and coercive measures, such as banning alcohol in public places after 10 p.m. and intimidating the press.

Turkish media have been so cowed that the leading TV channels failed to cover the massive demonstrations. When social media tried to pick up the slack, Erdogan denounced Twitter as "the worst menace to society," and 34 cyberactivists were arrested. Reporters Without Borders has ranked Turkey 154th out of 179 countries on its press freedom index, just below Russia.

I visited Guruz in Ankara in October 2010 and found this erudite, patriotic man bewildered at the allegations leveled against him. At that time he had just been called in for questioning on claims that he was part of a bizarre conspiracy called Ergenekon (the name of a mythical Turkish valley), in which a shadowy network of military officers allegedly plotted to overthrow Erdogan's government just after he came to power.

These accusations provided an excuse for a religiously oriented government to arrest a wide swath of intellectuals, university presidents, women's-rights advocates, journalists, and writers, who were critics of AKP policies. Many of them were advocates

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Bird Island

It is the double 5 in the lunar calendar again and we do not wish to reprise the Dragon Boat Festival reflection we wrote last year (June 22, 2012, ST opinion), but it is during this festival this year that we got a reprieve from our school duties. Cloistered in académé since the start of the semester, we ventured out to the city's Bird Island.

Bird Island on Saipan is a tourist attraction viewed best from a lookout point where occasionally, we saw dolphins frolic close to the shore with tuna and the hovering birds; unless one is crazy enough to cross during low tide on the ground and brave enough to return to shore at high tide, as some tourists have painfully found out.)

Bird Island in Shenyang is east of the city on the Hun River, an isle formed between two waterfalls of the dammed river. The island is part of the Mt. Qipanshan Tourism Zone, an EcoPark, which includes a man-made lake and botanical and zoological gardens. It also has one of the city's Qing tombs where the first Manchu emperor Nurhaci is buried.

Shenyang's Bird Island is literally for the birds. We went there on the weekend when HS students took the university entrance exams. We expected a sparse crowd. There were university students who skipped their classes Saturday and Sunday, make-up days for the Monday-Tuesday ones declared holiday with the Wednesday Boat Festival. We turned our Sunday class sessions into homework so students did not have to play hokey.

As an English teacher, I picked up the students' "iceland" pronunciation of island. It made sense. Why should "isle" and "aisle" in English be pronounced *sans* sibilant just because the Brits could not spell? (Actually, better than the original "iegland" of Middle English.) I told the students (they were surprised that I spoke English but not Chinese since I passed for one) that the usual pronunciation in other places dropped the "s" sound.

Then, one of the smart ones produced her dictionary showing Iceland as also known as Island, pronounced with the sibilant. We settled for "is-land" as an alternate pronunciation for "Island", allowed in Shenyang but understood that it would drop the "s" sound beyond the borders. Everyone parted with a "smell," the other pronunciation for "smile" (but that's for another telling).

Now, the birds. There were four kinds: swimmers (the ducks, geese and swans), singers (the larks, canaries, and thrushes), waders (the cranes, heron, and egret), and predators (the eagles, owls, and vultures).

We saw many peacocks (144, we were told) displaying magnificent plumage walking freely all over the place. Ostriches were penned but the eagles and vultures were perched in the open. Doves cooed sweetly, and the mallards were stately. Young swans swam together behind mother, and they were a lively sight. Hens and roosters showed color, and the red-crowned cranes were majestic,

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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save that the duo a trainer managed with a stick, one of the male's wings was broken while the female could fly freely about with two. We suspected foul play, perhaps a deliberate wing job to keep the male island-bound. Both waddled down the cobblestone at the end of the day, caged for safekeeping!

On one end of the carrier-like island was a wetland with walkways. The water level was kept at the height of the river before the falls, so one can see the rapids on the side while the waterways flowed tranquil, serving to water the verdant foliage. The cypress that lined the paths was regal, and the weeping willows by the wetlands kept a sob full of silence. The birch trees look like they provide a great backdrop for the birds that do not migrate south during the winter but stay to play in the snow.

Surprisingly, the endangered Manchurian sika deer with the white polka dots on brown was also corralled in a pen. We noticed the Bambi-like sadness of the doe; not able to prance in the wild would make us look that way too.

We took to the wetland like sweat on a Saipan summer day. We lived in As Terlaje, Oleai, Chalan Kanoa around Lake Susupe enough but we only ventured along the lake's edge on Texas Road, and by Chalan Tun Joaquin Doi on our walks. While our first month on island was at a hotel overlooking the lake by the college, we really did not know much about the wetland's wild life, save the mean mosquitoes after the rain. Nor did we venture into the AMP verboten wetland northwest of the tennis courts at the juncture of Micro Beach Road and Chalan Pale Arnold (Middle Road). We do think that someone at MVA might get in touch with the Liaoning government to find out what they had done with their Bird Island and the rest of the ecotourism zone.

The landscaping done in the park would make a Japanese gardener proud. The sign outside proclaimed that the development of the site adhered to the philosophy that one "sift the truth from the false and pursue natural beauty without artificial work." Well, we leaned too heavily on our walking stick on one of the rocks, and like a wire-reinforced *papier mache*, we tore a hole. It appeared on closer examination that some of the rocks were artificially made.

Well, so much for natural beauty! Still, we had a good day with the birds. We are glad Chinese kids do not play with BB guns. Bird Island will remain strictly for the birds!

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The \$5,000 legislators' loot

While taxpayers struggle daily to make ends meet, literally slaving to earn their dues, the Legislature has found a silent form of income of some \$5,000 per month. It's money for their pockets over and above their regular salary of \$39,500 per year called stipend. What a way to feast on taxpayers' dimes!

The monthly stipend pans out to \$60,000 per year per legislator. No wonder these guys and gals silently whisper, "Don't worry... be happy." Well, each is smiling ear-to-ear while we cringe at the high cost of living in what we guardedly call our island paradise. Ours is the island riddled with a disastrous economy in deep trouble; theirs is the paradise feeding off a hog's back.

No wonder the constant return to "casino" as their savior to perk up revenue generation. They feel so comfy in their teeny world, struggling to display superficial or non-existent depth. Remember what a student related in the recent AG's Cup who said: Plan-A, casino, Plan-B, casino, and, Plan-C, casino. *A Saina dios mihi!* But then it must be the eleventh hour optional savior to buy more time to see how else could they sink the system beyond recognition.

Annually, we pay each legislator some \$99,500 or \$2,885,500 cumulatively. You watch how they shop in grocery stores hauling boxes of ribs, chicken and beef while we pick and choose (using our calculators) how much would our teeny income buy. No wonder the callous insensitivity and indifference to the economic misery they've fostered and nurtured for the multitude while tiptoeing through our garden of subterranean abject poverty.

With \$99,500 per year, no wonder they're all smiles in muted fashion, sporting nonexistent intellectual depth of issues before them. Their insensitivity and reckless disregard for their people is the most egregious aspect of their woefully casual behavior. Is this the new institutional narrative?

Do these guys and gals have any sense of humility and mindfulness what our people in the community go through daily? Any plans to either reduce the cost of living or approve an annual

Christmas bonus for ALL taxpayers of at least \$45,000—half your loot? Your failure to boost the local economy is languishing in your side of the court. It's the economy *la'i* that has pushed the multitude below subterranean misery—still woefully bad—remember?

Fund: Controlled to ensure bankruptcy!

A critical ocular review reveals how actively policymakers have guided legislation to ensure the bankruptcy of the retirement program. Take a closer look at the inescapable chronology of events that contributed to the Fund turning into a fiscal monstrosity.

It seems a vicious betrayal of a lifetime so egregious you react to it with despondency, quizzing: "What now?" "Is this it?" "Any hope to revive the fizzled out 'better times'?"

Impeached former governor Benigno R. Fitial was the chief architect of a law that absolved the Executive Branch from remitting employer's contributions to the Fund. This law started the irreversible cascading effect that stopped remittance of corresponding contributions used to pay retirees their monthly pension. Now, he steers clear of the clear blue skies of paradise, knowing an arrest warrant awaits him at home.

Next came the repeal of the defined contribution and defined benefit plans that disallow active young members from remitting their share of corresponding contributions that ensure retirees receive their paychecks—thus, the end of dual corresponding contributions. It's money collected biweekly, money that is paid to retirees. It ended! It contributed significantly to the fiscal troubles of the Fund today.

There were other issues, i.e., \$13 million loan for the judiciary building, a housing program as though NMHC has failed, inclusion of beneficiaries who never contributed a penny to the program, among other woefully generous and bankrupting dispositions.

Alternative: Defined contribution

The disoriented meddling with the fate of the Fund includes politicians

day on Saipan? If you can find them, tell them there is a bridge on Aguiguan that is for sale. And after all of that, if you still think it is possible, then compare what we need on Saipan (\$800 million per year in revenue and \$2.2 million per day) to that of gaming revenue produced by the entire state of Kansas at \$48.5 million per year or \$132,000 per day.

Taken a step further, if we investigate the "tax" revenue (not gaming revenue) produced by gaming in Kansas, the state only produces \$13.08 million per year in government casino tax revenue. Want more? The state of Maine produces only \$29 million per year in government casino tax revenue, South Dakota \$16.3 million a year and Oklahoma only \$18.3 million per year. So are we saying with a straight face that gaming on Saipan will produce more in government gaming tax revenue than Kansas, Maine, South Dakota, and Oklahoma combined?

Time for some straight talk. Casinos on Saipan, no matter how many there are, will never produce the casino tax income required to "save the Retirement Fund." In fact, it isn't even close. By all reputable aggressive estimates, Saipan *may* be able to produce roughly \$80 million to \$100 million in gaming revenue (win) or about \$8 million per year in government casino tax revenue. And that \$8 million per year in gaming tax revenue is the "best case scenario." This is a far cry from the \$70 million-\$80 million per year needed to "save the Retirement Fund."

So let's call this attempt to authorize gaming on Saipan for what it is—a scam. Because the one thing it is NOT is a way to "save the Retirement Fund."

Phillip Mendiola-Long
Carolinas Heights, Tinian

seen inside the grassy area of the interior dock of the Marina Cove, not to mention human waste being discharged. If this unsanitary practice continues, then how much more time will pass before cholera disease is found at the Marina Cove?

The time is now to take action expeditiously to eradicate this health problem. The health of everyone accessing the Marina Cove requires top priority action. I mean action where action speaks louder than words, not words louder than action.

So let's see who's going to make the first move among our elected leaders of this beautiful CNMI.

Martin M. Sakisat
Garapan, Saipan

By JOHN DELROSARIO

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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and board members who lost sight of their fiduciary responsibilities. Had they simply moved active members to the defined contribution plan while refining other aspects of the program, the Fund won't be on its deathbed today.

But they collectively severed both plans, expecting miracles to descend from the blue skies of paradise. It didn't! Now the "other" alternative is to borrow millions of dollars to cover the inadequacies of policymakers that would soundly steal the economic future of our children. It's an inadequacy that would force private industry employees to participate in repaying a humongous loan of no benefit to them at all! Is this fair?

Yet the very people who worked the clock to guide the Fund into bankruptcy are still at it—looking for more quick fixes—that would simply ruin the economic freedom of our children for many years to come. The debate has morphed from debts to moral responsibility, i.e., do you cavalierly support stealing from the future of our children? Retirees ask: Now what? The annihilation of their livelihood triggered by destructive policy dispositions?

In spite of liabilities of some \$11.5 billion, the State of Oklahoma successfully reworked its pension program by moving all employees to the "defined contribution" plan. It ensured that retirees continue to receive their pensions monthly. This should be explored as a matter of course.

Too, the Commonwealth Development Authority has never dealt with pension obligation bonds before. So a lot of what it does would necessarily have to be exploratory, i.e., including investors buying bonds from the NMI where the return of investment is woefully anemic. This alone is problematic and other pertinent issues as it relate to return on investments.

Too, retirees have fulfilled their end of the bargain known as the contract. No one has the right to impair that contract. It must be paid bimonthly, like it or not! Do we expect principle-based reasoning from you or must we dismiss it as another pile of tired and less than sterling non-expert view? No wonder we're in this mess, *sayu*?

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for maintaining a secular, or at least tolerant, Turkey, and have languished in prison for years without trial.

"They charged me with being a member of a secret terrorist organization, which I never heard of before, including some guys I've been opposed to," Guruz told me. "This is like a nightmare." The nightmare was destined to get much worse.

In June 2012, while on a cruise, Guruz received word that he was wanted for questioning about his alleged involvement with the Turkish military in the 1997 "coup." He immediately returned to Ankara to deny the allegations, but was arrested and put in a maximum-security prison. He has been held without trial as a flight risk—even though he had voluntarily returned from abroad.

Guruz believes the government's real grievances against him revolve around steps he took as head of YOK that were legal but anathema to Islamist officials: enforcing constitutional policy on banning girls in head scarves from university campuses, and helping design a new university admissions policy (without any military input) that was disliked by officials from Muslim schools.

As thousands of young people continue to demonstrate against the government, the outcome of Guruz's case will symbolize the direction this Turkish government intends to take.

There are two options: On the one hand, Erdogan takes a hard line, dismissing the demonstrators as terrorists. He still says Gezi Park will be razed and a mosque built nearby. On the other hand, President Abdullah Gul, also an AKP leader, insists all Turkish views (secular or religious) should be freely expressed and considered by the government.

If Gul's outlook prevails, the demonstrations will likely cool and the politicized charges against Guruz should be dropped soon. If Guruz is convicted, it will signal to Turkey's citizens and allies that its democracy faces very rough times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Saipan's gaming dollars

When thinking of gaming dollars and the riches it will produce for the CNMI government, most believe that a casino on Saipan will produce a windfall of cash that will be sure to "save the Retirement Fund." Will a casino or casinos on Saipan "save the Retirement Fund"? Short answer is no—not even close.

Mathematically, it is impossible for any "real" gaming industry on Saipan to produce the tax revenue of \$70 million to \$80 million per year necessary to "save the Retirement Fund." Put into perspective, Saipan's gaming industry would have to produce over \$800 million in gaming revenue in order to produce the \$70 million-\$80 million annually necessary to keep the Fund alive. Let that marinate for a minute... *eight hundred million dollars*. Keep in mind, that \$800 million is gaming "win" revenue, which is the portion of revenue that is taxed, not played, so essentially the Saipan casino would have to generate approximately \$18 billion per year in gaming play in order for the Saipan casino to "hold" \$800 million in win revenue. Does anyone in their right mind think Saipan casinos will host \$18 billion in gaming action? If you do, I have a bridge to Aguiguan I can sell you.

But for "devil's advocate" purposes, let's entertain for a moment those who say it is possible that Saipan casinos can see \$18 billion in gaming action per year and that they can in fact generate \$800 million in revenue. \$800 million in gaming revenue is roughly \$2.2 million per day in gaming "win" by the casino. Where will these people come from that are willing to lose \$2.2 million per

Toilets at Marina Cove

Nowadays, the entire Marina Cove looks attractive, organized, and convenient to tourists who come to visit Saipan.

However, there's one sad incident that is taking place today inside the Marina Cove that probably not many have noticed. I'm talking about the lack of toilets and pavilions at Marina Cove for the convenience of our tourists.

Take for instance the lack of toilets at the interior dock of the Marina Cove. Can you imagine where the waiting tourists will go to discharge their waste? If tourism is our main cash crop, then where are the eyes and concerted actions of our local leaders?

Reports have surfaced that many used toilet tissues have been

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 90	▼ 81
Palau	Showers	▲ 86	▼ 77
Yap	Showers	▲ 93	▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 87	▼ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 79
Majuro	Showers	▲ 87	▼ 81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61	▼ 55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88	▼ 66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 84	▼ 80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86	▼ 73
London	Showers	▲ 65	▼ 51
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 60
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 88	▼ 80
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 56	▼ 47
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 76
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 60
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 72
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72	▼ 53
Pusan	Showers	▲ 76	▼ 66
Rome	Sunny	▲ 81	▼ 63
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 69	▼ 50
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63	▼ 51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82	▼ 63
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 77	▼ 70
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 89	▼ 72

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM	Today	8:29 AM	9:26 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM	Thursday	9:18 AM	10:07 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM	Friday	10:07 AM	10:47 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM	Saturday	10:56 AM	11:56 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM	Sunday	11:45 AM	

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7
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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

0Z607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

Business

Apple revamps look of iPhone, iPad software

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is throwing out most of the real-world graphical cues from its iPhone and iPad software, like the casino-green “felt” of its Game Center app, in what it calls the biggest update since the iPhone’s launch in 2007.

The new operating system, called iOS 7, strives for a clean, simple, translucent impression. Apple is redesigning all its applications and icons to conform to the new look, driven by long-time hardware design guru Jony Ive.

The operating system will show up on most iPhones, iPad and iPod Touches this fall, the company said.

The overhaul represents Ive’s attempt to freshen the look of both the iPhone and iPad in hopes of deepening users’ attachment to the trend-setting devices. It comes at a time when rivals such as Samsung Electronics and Google

are trying to get people to defect by developing their own lines of elegant and often less expensive products.

The stiffer competition has slowed Apple’s growth in the increasingly important mobile device market, contributing to a 38 percent decline in the company’s stock price since the shares peaked at \$705.07 in September.

Wall Street didn’t seem nearly as impressed with Apple’s new software approach as the sold-out audience of enthusiastic application developers who flocked to San Francisco Monday. Apple’s stock dipped \$2.92 to close Monday at \$438.89.

The redesigned software uses simple graphical elements in neon and pastel colors. Gone is the effort to make the icons look like three-dimensional, embossed objects—a tactic known as “skeuomorphism,” that was favored by Apple’s late CEO



Attendees break for lunch at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference Monday, June 10, 2013 in San Francisco.

and co-founder Steve Jobs.

Interface designers call the new guiding principle “flat,”

but on the iPhone’s main screen, the background image will move subtly with the movement of the device,

creating an illusion of depth. Other screens include plenty of white space.

The software has “a whole

new structure that is coherent and is applied across the entire system,” Ive said in a recorded presentation. “The design recedes, and in doing so, elevates your content.”

While the design modifications could help Apple distinguish its devices from rival phones and tablets, the company risks alienating longtime users.

“The new version is almost unrecognizable, which will make it polarizing,” predicted Ovum analyst Jan Dawson. “Some people will love that their phone feels new and different, while others will be disoriented by the newness.”

Raluca Budiu, a senior researcher specializing in usability at the Nielsen Norman Group, said the so-called “flat” design can confuse users, because it can offer fewer signals about where to tap or click. That’s been the case, she said, with Windows 8, which has a very “flat” design.

Feds: All girls to have morning-after pill access

NEW YORK (AP)—The federal government on Monday told a judge it will reverse course and take steps to comply with his order to allow girls of any age to buy emergency contraception without prescriptions.

The decision ends a years-long fight between President Barack Obama’s administration, which had argued that age limits for the morning-after pill are common sense, and women’s rights groups, which insisted the drug should be made as freely available as aspirin.

The Department of Justice, in the latest development in the complex back-and-forth over access to the drug, notified U.S. District Judge Edward Korman it will submit a plan for compliance. If he approves it, the department will drop its appeal of his April ruling.

According to the department’s letter to the judge, the Food and Drug Administration has told the maker of the pills to submit a new drug application with proposed labeling that would permit it to be sold “without a prescription and without age or point-of-sale prescriptions.” The FDA said that once it receives the application it “intends to approve it promptly.”

Last week, an appeals court dealt the government a set-



This undated file photo provided by Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc., shows a package of Plan B One-Step, an emergency contraceptive.

back by saying it would immediately permit unrestricted sales of the two-pill version of the emergency contraception until the appeal was decided.

That order was met with praise from advocates for girls’ and women’s rights and with scorn from social conservatives and other opponents, who argue the drug’s availability takes away the rights of parents of girls who could get it without their permission.

Advocates for girls’ and women’s rights said Monday the federal government’s decision to comply with the judge’s ruling could be a move forward

for “reproductive justice” if the FDA acts quickly and puts emergency contraception over the counter without restriction.

Annie Tummino, lead plaintiff in a lawsuit over unrestricted access to the morning-after pill and coordinator of the National Women’s Liberation, said women and girls should have “the absolute right to control our bodies without having to ask a doctor or a pharmacist for permission.”

“It’s about time that the administration stopped opposing women having access to safe and effective birth control,” she said in an emailed statement.

Private contractors’ key role at issue in NSA leak

NEW YORK (AP)—People like Edward Snowden—nearly 500,000 employees of private firms with access to the government’s most sensitive secrets—play a crucial role: They help monitor threats to national security.

When Snowden, an employee of one of those firms, Booz Allen Hamilton, revealed details of two National Security Agency surveillance programs, he spotlighted the risks of making so many employees of private contractors a key part of the U.S. intelligence apparatus.

James Clapper, the director of national intelligence,

called Snowden’s leak “gut wrenching.”

The leak could lead the nation’s intelligence agencies to reconsider their reliance on outside contractors, said Joseph Augustyn, a former senior CIA official and principal at Booz Allen.

“I think it would call into question the role of the defense contractors,” Augustyn said.

Booz Allen, based in McLean, Va., provides consulting services, technology support and analysis to U.S. government agencies and departments. Last year, 98 percent of the company’s \$5.9

billion in revenue came from U.S. government contracts. Three-fourths of its 25,000 employees hold government security clearances. Half the employees have top secret clearances.

The company has established deep ties with the government—the kinds of ties that contractors pursue and covet. Contractors stand to gain an edge on competitors by hiring people with the most closely held knowledge of the thinking inside agencies they want to serve and the best access to officials inside. That typically means former government officials.

American, US Airways name post-merger leadership

DALLAS (AP)—The new American Airlines will have more top executives from smaller but more successful US Airways than from the current American.

Five US Airways executives will follow their current CEO, Doug Parker, when he takes control after the airlines complete their proposed merger. Three executives from American parent AMR Corp. were named to the new company’s leadership team.

AMR and US Airways Group Inc. hope to complete their pro-

posed merger this summer. The deal still needs approval by U.S. antitrust regulators and AMR’s bankruptcy creditors.

Although AMR creditors and shareholders will own 72 percent of the new company, and it will still be based in Fort Worth, Texas, the makeup of the executive team underscores that it was Parker who drove the merger and convinced AMR’s unions and creditors to support him.

US Airways veterans will hold the most important management jobs including president, chief financial officer

and chief operating officer. The new company’s 12-member board will have four holdovers from US Airways and three from AMR.

AMR filed for bankruptcy protection in November 2011. For many months, CEO Tom Horton considered the idea of emerging from Chapter 11 as a stand-alone company, not a merger partner, but creditors decided otherwise. Horton will serve briefly as chairman of the new company—to be called American Airlines Group Inc.—before exiting next year.



LEADING INDICATORS

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15,238.59
-9.53
-0.06%

S&P

1,642.81
-0.57
-0.03%

NASDAQ

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+4.55
+0.13%

EXCHANGE RATES

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Australian Dollar	1.062	58.875	Singapore Dollar	1.26
British Pound	0.6417	9974.5	South Korean Won	1133.6
Canadian Dollar	1.0188	98.095	Swiss Franc	0.932
Chinese Yuan	6.1338	3.1475	Taiwan Dollar	29.936
Euro	0.7535	1.2693	Thailand Baht	30.91

In U.S. dollar terms

Nation

US spy programs raise ire both home and abroad

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration faced fresh anger Monday at home and abroad over U.S. spy programs that track phone and Internet messages around the world in the hope of thwarting terrorist threats. But a senior intelligence official said there are no plans to end the secretive surveillance systems.

The programs causing the global uproar were revealed by Edward Snowden, a 29-year-old employee of government contractor Booz Allen Hamilton. Snowden, whose identity was revealed at his own request, has fled to Hong Kong in hopes of escaping criminal charges. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, who heads the Senate Intelligence Committee and supports the surveillance, accused Snowden of committing an “act of treason” and said he should be prosecuted.

Coolly but firmly, officials in Germany and the European Union issued complaints over two National Security Agency programs that target suspicious foreign messages — potentially including phone numbers, email, images, video and other online communications transmitted through U.S. providers. The chief British diplomat felt it necessary to try to assure Parliament that the spy programs do not encroach on U.K. privacy laws.

And in Washington, members



This photo provided by The Guardian Newspaper in London shows Edward Snowden, who worked as a contract employee at the National Security Agency, on Sunday, June 9, 2013, in Hong Kong. The Guardian identified Snowden as a source for its reports on intelligence programs after he asked the newspaper to do so on Sunday. AP

of Congress said they would take a new look at potential ways to keep the U.S. safe from terror attacks without giving up privacy protections that critics charge are at risk with the government’s current authority to broadly sweep up personal communications.

“There’s very little trust in the government, and that’s for good reason,” said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who sits on the House Intelligence Committee. “We’re our own worst enemy.”

Independent Sen. Angus King of Maine, who sits on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he

was considering how Congress could limit the amount of data spy agencies seize from telephone and Internet companies—including restricting the information to be released only on an as-needed basis.

“It’s a little unsettling to have this massive data in the govern-

ment’s possession,” King said.

A senior U.S. intelligence official said there are no plans to scrap the programs that, despite the backlash, continue to receive widespread if cautious support within Congress. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensi-

Manning trial resumes as new leak scandal unfolds

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—Army Pfc. Bradley Manning’s court-martial for giving hundreds of thousands of sensitive documents to WikiLeaks entered its second week Monday in a fresh spotlight cast by a brand-new leak by another low-level intelligence employee.

Like Manning, Edward Snowden could find himself hauled into court by the U.S. government after he unmasked himself Sunday as the leaker who exposed the nation’s secret phone and Internet surveillance programs to reporters.

Legal experts closely following both cases said they were shocked to find out young, low-ranking people had such access to powerful government secrets. Manning was 22 when he turned over the military and diplomatic cables about three years ago; Snowden is 29.

“In that respect, these cases suggest we should be much more careful about who is given security clearances,” said David J.R. Frakt, a former military prosecutor and defense lawyer who has taught at several law schools.

At the same time, legal experts saw differences between the two cases, namely that Manning’s secret-spilling was more scattershot, while Snowden appeared more selective.

“I’m not awarding him the Presidential Medal of Freedom here,” Eugene R. Fidell, who teaches military law at Yale Law School, said of Snowden. “I’m just saying you could say it is something more akin to educating the American public about sensitive surveillance issues that have some level of First Amendment concern attached to them.”

As for how Snowden’s revelation will affect the Manning case, Fidell said it probably won’t influence the military judge, who is hearing the case without a jury, but “it ratchets up the entire subject in the public eye.” Fidell said it could spur outrage about government secrecy in general, but could also underscore the dangers of leaks—and that, he said, won’t help Manning.

“It’s a reminder that if what Manning did and what Snowden did is OK, then it’s basically every man for himself,” Fidell said, adding that national security would end up with “more holes than cheese.”

Manning is charged under federal espionage and computer fraud laws. The most serious charge against him is aiding the enemy, which carries a potential life sentence. Testimony was expected to continue Tuesday.

tive security issue.

The programs were revealed last week by The Guardian and The Washington Post newspapers. National Intelligence Director James Clapper has taken the unusual step of declassifying some of the previously top secret details to help the administration mount a public defense of the surveillance as a necessary step to protect Americans.

One of the NSA programs gathers hundreds of millions of U.S. phone records to search for possible links to known terrorist targets abroad. The other allows the government to tap into nine U.S. Internet companies and gather all communications to detect suspicious behavior that begins overseas.

Snowden is a former CIA employee who later worked as a contractor for the NSA on behalf of Booz Allen, where he gained access to the surveillance. Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said it was “absolutely shocking” that a 29-year-old with limited experience would have access to this material.

ACROSS THE NATION

Threat forces LA-to-Texas flight to land in Ariz.

PHOENIX (AP)—A “telephonic bomb threat” against a Southwest Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Austin, Texas, resulted in the plane being diverted to Phoenix on Monday afternoon, the FBI said. Laura Eimiller of the FBI’s Los Angeles field office said the flight left Los Angeles International Airport at 2:12 p.m. before the threat was received by telephone. She didn’t provide further details. “The FBI and law enforcement partners are responding to conduct an investigation of the aircraft, as well as to determine the person or persons responsible for the threat,” Eimiller said in a statement.

Houston woman claims self-defense in heel stabbing

HOUSTON (AP)—Officials say a Houston woman accused of stabbing her boyfriend to death with a stiletto high heel told police she was trying to protect herself. Houston police say 44-year-old Ana Lilia Trujillo told investigators the man was attacking her and she acted in self-defense. Trujillo was charged with murder in the Sunday stabbing death. In a statement Monday, the University of Houston identified the 59-year-old man killed at a luxury high-rise condominium as Alf Stefan Andersson, a research professor in the university’s biology and biochemistry department.

Senate passes half-trillion dollar farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate on Monday passed a five-year, half-trillion-dollar farm bill that expands government subsidies for crop insurance, rice and peanuts while making small cuts to food stamps.

The bill passed on a bipartisan 66-27 vote. The legislation, which costs almost \$100 billion annually, also would eliminate subsidies that are paid to farmers whether they farm or not. All told, it would save about \$2.4 billion a year on the farm and nutrition programs, including across-the-board cuts that took effect earlier this year.

Senate Agriculture Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., said the bill would support 16 million American jobs, save taxpayers billions and put into place “the most significant reforms to agriculture programs in decades.” But it would still generously subsidize corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, rice, sugar and other major crops grown by U.S. farmers.

The legislation, similar to a bill the Senate passed last year, would also set policy for programs to protect environmentally sensitive land, international food aid and other projects to help rural communities.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Monday that his chamber will take up its version of the farm bill this month. De-

bate in the House is expected to be contentious and much more partisan than in the Senate, with disagreements over domestic food aid that makes up almost 80 percent of the bill’s cost.

Last year, the House declined to take up the legislation during an election year amid conflict over how much should be cut from the food stamp program, which now serves one in seven Americans and cost almost \$80 billion last year. That cost has more than doubled since 2008.

The bill approved by the House Agriculture Committee last month would make much larger cuts to food stamps than the Senate version, in a bid to gain support from those House conservatives who have opposed the measure. The Senate bill would cut the food stamp program, now known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, by about \$400 million a year, or half a percent.

The House bill would cut the program by \$2 billion a year, or a little more than 3 percent, and make it more difficult for some people to qualify.

In his statement Monday, Boehner signaled support for the House bill’s level of food stamp cuts, saying they are changes that “both parties know are necessary.” Other Republicans are expected to offer amendments to

expand the cuts, setting up a potentially even more difficult resolution with the Senate version.

On the Senate floor, senators rejected amendments on food stamp cuts, preserving the \$400 million annual decrease. The bill’s farm-state supporters also fended off efforts to cut sugar, tobacco and other farm supports.

Senators looking to pare back subsidies did win one victory in the Senate, an amendment to reduce the government’s share of crop insurance premiums for farmers with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$750,000. Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said their amendment would affect about 20,000 farmers.

Stabenow argued the amendment would result in fewer people buying insurance and undercut a separate provision in the bill that would require farmers buying crop insurance to comply with certain environmental standards on their land.

Currently the government pays for an average 62 percent of crop insurance premiums and also subsidizes the companies that sell the insurance. The overall bill expands crop insurance for many crops and also creates a program to compensate farmers for smaller, or “shallow,” revenue losses before the paid insurance kicks in.

Asia

Korea talks raise hopes; history may scuttle them

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The two Koreas will hold their highest-level talks in years Wednesday in an effort to restore scrapped joint economic projects and ease animosity marked by recent threats of nuclear war. That in itself is progress, though there are hints that disputes in their bloody history could thwart efforts to better ties.

Still, just setting up the two-day meeting in Seoul, through a 17-hour negotiating session that ended early Monday, required the kind of diplomatic resolve that has long been absent in inter-Korean relations, and analysts say it could be a tentative new start. It's also a political and diplomatic victory for new South Korean President Park Geun-hye, who expressed her country's interest in talks and rebuilding trust even as she batted back North Korean war rhetoric with vows to hit back strongly if attacked.

"It's very significant that they're sitting down and talking at all ... after all the heated rhetoric this spring," said John Delury, an analyst at Seoul's Yonsei University. "It shows political will. Both sides could have called it off."

The main topics will be stalled rapprochement projects left over from friendlier days, including the resumption of operations at a jointly run factory park just north of the border. It was the last remaining symbol of inter-Korean cooperation until Pyongyang pulled out its workers in April during heightened tensions that followed its February nuclear test.

North Korea, however, is also pushing for something Seoul

hasn't agreed to: A discussion Wednesday of how to jointly commemorate past inter-Korean statements, including the anniversary Saturday of a statement settled during a landmark 2000 summit between liberal President Kim Dae-jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, the current ruler's late father.

This matters to North Korea because the June 15 statement from the 2000 summit, along with another 2007 leaders' summit, include both important symbolic nods to future reconciliation and also economic cooperation agreements that would benefit the North financially.

Those commitments faded after Park's conservative predecessor, Lee Myung-bak, took office in 2008. His insistence that large-scale government aid be linked to North Korea making progress on past commitments to abandon its nuclear ambitions drew a furious reaction from Pyongyang. Relations deteriorated further in 2010 after a North Korean bombardment of a South Korean island killed four people, and the sinking of the South Korean warship Cheonan killed 46 sailors.

A Seoul-led international investigation blamed a North Korean torpedo for the Cheonan attack, and South Korea has demanded an apology from the North before it will allow any exchanges. Pyongyang denies any role in the sinking, and the two sides will presumably bring those irreconcilable positions with them Wednesday.

Since her presidential campaign, Park has mixed a tough line with policies of engagement, aid and reconciliation

with the North—a recognition of the frustration many South Koreans felt about Lee's hard-line policies.

Analyst Park Hyeong-jung said North Korea wants the past statements on the agenda to forge a "relationship that is to their advantage. They want

to hold the present South Korean administration accountable for the declarations of past administrations."

"This is the first time in a long time both sides are meeting," said Park, a senior research fellow at the government-affiliated Korea Institute for National

Unification in Seoul. "Rather than a breakthrough, this week's talks are only the beginning."

Both Koreas have also agreed to discuss resuming South Korean tours to a North Korean mountain resort and the reunion of separated families, officials said.

There's little chance that the

narrowly defined talks will tackle the crucial question of pushing Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear bombs. North Korea has said it will never give them up, though the U.S. and other countries say it must if it is to rebuild its relationship with the rest of the world.

PH town honors dog injured saving 2 girls

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Every dog has its day, but few canines get a motorcade on their return home.

Kabang, who lost half her face after jumping in front of a motorcycle to save the lives of two girls, received a rousing welcome Monday in Zamboanga, a city in the southern Philippines.

The mixed-breed came back from months-long treatment at the University of California, Davis, veterinary hospital, paid for with \$27,000 in donations

raised in the Philippines and abroad. She was reunited with her owner, Rudy Bunggal, and the girls she saved from the accident in December 2011—the owner's daughter, Dina, and cousin Princess Diansing.

"She is not just my friend, she is like a part of our family," 13-year-old Dina Bunggal said. "I am very thankful to her, because without her, maybe I will not be alive today."

Kabang and Rudy Bunggal rode in the back of a pickup

truck festooned with yellow balloons to the Municipal Hall, where Mayor Celso Lobregat bestowed the title "Pride of Zamboanga" on the dog.

Motorcycles and cars took part in the motorcade that drove Kabang through the port city. Residents snapped photos of the dog and kids petted her. At the mayor's office, Kabang was given a bag of treats.

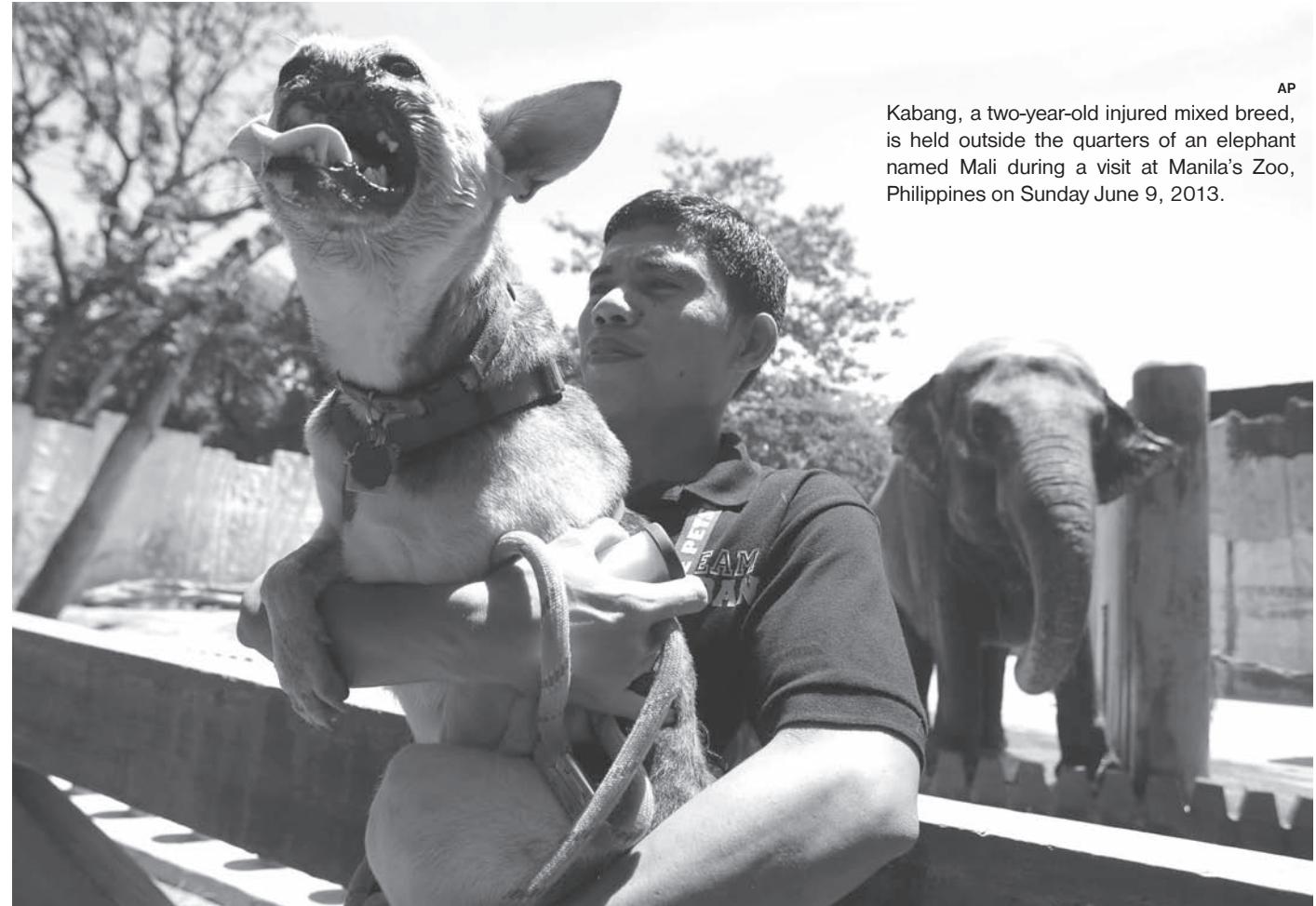
But all is not well in Kabang's household.

Rudy Bunggal, who told re-

porters he was struggling with drinking and financial problems, asked the veterinarian who had accompanied Kabang to the U.S., Anton Lim, to temporarily care for the dog.

The Philippine Daily Inquirer also quoted Bunggal's wife, Christina, as saying the couple has separated.

The husband, who worked as a mechanic, now lives alone in a shanty and found a new job as a construction worker, earning less than \$5 a day.



AP
Kabang, a two-year-old injured mixed breed, is held outside the quarters of an elephant named Mali during a visit at Manila's Zoo, Philippines on Sunday June 9, 2013.

Myanmar leader talks peace with Shan ethnic rebels

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP)—The Myanmar government's efforts to make peace with ethnic minorities took another step forward Monday as representatives of the country's biggest minority group, the Shan, met with the country's reformist president in the capital.

Shan State Army (South) leader Yawd Serk said after the talks that President Thein Sein had agreed with his side's proposal to form a committee to work toward peace.

Since independence in 1948, Myanmar has faced rebellions from a number of minorities seeking autonomy. Sporadic fighting continues with several groups,

including the Shan in the east and the Kachin in the north.

"Even though Myanmar is a country with rich natural resources, the country has lagged behind due to the 60-year-long civil war. We came here to discuss how we can cooperate in the future to end this civil war," Yawd Serk told reporters.

President Office's Minister Aung Min said the main obstacle to ending the fighting was the need for the sides to agree on where their troops are allowed to be stationed.

It was the first time that Shan rebel leaders have held face-to-face talks with the president, who took office in 2011 after al-

most five decades of repressive military rule. One other major ethnic rebel group, the Karen National Union, previously held direct talks with Thein Sein.

On May 30, the Kachin ended three days of peace talks with the government with a tentative deal to de-escalate fighting and continue a political dialogue. There had been 14 previous rounds of talks, and the agreement appeared to be an incremental step toward a cease-fire rather than a breakthrough. The Kachin insist on a political settlement, not just a cease-fire.

However, the government said at that time it hopes to reach a comprehensive peace agree-

ment with all ethnic groups in the next month or so.

The Shan have reached several cease-fire agreements with the government and have also been holding peace talks for the past two years, but fighting continues. In mid-May, the government blamed the Shan group for an attack at a state-owned oil and gas site that left two dead and three wounded at Nam-kham near the Chinese border.

New fighting broke out early that month in the same area between government troops and the Shan State Army, forcing more than 2000 Shan villagers to flee to the border, the Shan said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Journalist in US surveillance case: More to come

HONG KONG (AP)—The journalist who exposed classified U.S. surveillance programs leaked by an American defense contractor said Tuesday that there will be more "significant revelations" to come from the documents. "We are going to have a lot more significant revelations that have not yet been heard over the next several weeks and months," Glenn Greenwald of The Guardian. Greenwald told The Associated Press the decision was being made on when to release the next story based on the information provided by Edward Snowden, a 29-year-old employee of government contractor Booz Allen Hamilton who has been accused by U.S. Senate intelligence chairwoman Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California of committing an "act of treason" that should be prosecuted.

Vietnam prime minister warned in confidence vote

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnam's prime minister survived a non-confidence ballot in the national assembly on Tuesday, but with his position weakened after more than 30 percent of its members voted against him. Premier Nguyen Tan Dung and 48 other high officials faced the test, the first of what will be an annual exercise aimed at showing the country that its leaders are accountable. Dung's handling of the economy has put him under internal and public pressure. Last year he survived a leadership challenge. While the internal goings of the Communist Party are hard to read, many analysts said that Dung was under pressure from a clique close to President Truong Tan Sang. Assembly members got to vote on whether they had "high confidence," "confidence" or "low confidence" in the officials. The implications of the voting were vague, but some interpretations suggested officials with a 60 percent "low confidence vote" might have to resign.

World

Iraq hit by wave of bomb attacks, killing dozens

BAGHDAD (AP)—A wave of car bombings rocked central and northern Iraq on Monday, killing at least 57 people and extending the deadliest eruption of violence to hit the country in years.

Attackers initially targeted market-goers early in the morning, then turned their sights on police and army posts after sunset. Security forces scrambled to contain the violence, blocking a key road in central Iraq and imposing a curfew in the former Sunni insurgent stronghold of Mosul after the blasts went off.

Killing in Iraq has spiked to levels not seen since 2008. The surge in bloodshed, which follows months of protests by the country's Sunni Arab minority against the Shiite-led government, is raising fears that Iraq is heading for another bout of uncontrollable sectarian violence.

The upsurge comes as foreign fighters are increasingly pouring into neighboring Syria, where a grueling civil war has taken on sectarian overtones similar to those that pushed Iraq to the brink of its own civil war in 2006 and 2007.

Syria's conflict is fueling sectarian tensions inside Iraq, with Iraqi al-Qaida-linked Sunni militants cooperating with ideological allies among the Syrian rebels, while Iraqi Shiite militants increasingly fight alongside forces loyal to Syria's Iranian-backed regime.

There was no immediate



Civilians inspect the site of a parked car bomb attack near a popular restaurant in the Ur neighborhood in northern Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, May 30, 2013.

claim of responsibility for Monday's attacks—as has been the case for much of the violence in recent weeks—but coordinated car bombings in civilian areas and against security forces are frequently the work of al-Qaida's front group in Iraq, known as the Islamic State of Iraq.

Monday's deadliest single

attack hit Diyala province when three parked car bombs exploded virtually simultaneously around a wholesale fruit and vegetable market at the height of business in the town of Jidaidat al-Shatt. The town is just outside the provincial capital of Baqouba, about 60 kilometers (35 miles) north-

east of Baghdad.

The blasts killed 15 people and wounded 46. Soon after the explosions, security forces sealed the roads linking Baqouba to Baghdad in an apparent effort to prevent further attacks.

Shortly after midday, another car bomb went off near a fish market in the northern Baghdad suburb of Taji, killing seven shoppers and wounding 25, police said.

In the northern city of Tuz Khormato, police said a parked car bomb exploded near a small outdoor market just before the sunset, killing three people and wounding 22. The town is about 200 kilometers (130 miles) north of Baghdad.

Baqouba and the surrounding Diyala province were once the site of some of the fiercest fighting between U.S. forces and insurgents in Iraq, and it remains a hotbed for terrorist attacks. The area is religiously mixed and witnessed some of the worst atrocities as Shiite militias battled Sunni insurgents for control in the years after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Iraqi Shiite fighters' Syria role raises tensions

BAGHDAD (AP)—The Iraqi Shiite fighter's family is urging him to stop risking his life by traveling to Syria, saying he's done his part defending the holy shrine of Sayida Zeinab outside Damascus. Abu Mohammed al-Moussawi isn't listening.

The 33-year-old father from southern Baghdad, who wears a ring inscribed with a Quranic verse, is preparing for his fourth mission later this month. He says he'll be issued an AK-47 from Syrian military caches once he gets there.

"We are defending our religion," he told The Associated Press in a Baghdad cafe, insisting on a nom de guerre out of concern for his safety. "It's in our blood. It is a religious duty that we not keep silent when we see the Shiite holy shrines being attacked."

Iraqi Shiite fighters like al-Moussawi are playing an increasingly prominent role in neighboring Syria's civil war, fighting alongside President Bashar Assad's forces against rebels. Their mobilization for Syria is exacerbating Iraq's own fraught sectarian tensions as violence between the country's

Sunnis and Shiites spikes to its highest level in years. Shiite militias see the fight in both countries as the same: to protect their sect against Sunni extremists.

As more Iraqi Shiites make the journey to Syria, their comrades are becoming more assertive in Iraq, and the broader ideological struggle is heating up an already explosive political atmosphere back home.

"The participation of Shiite militias in Syria under the pretext of protecting holy shrines is a sectarian project that is endangering the whole region," said Iraqi Sunni lawmaker Hamid al-Mutlaq. "The Iraqi government is turning a blind eye toward this."

Iraq's Shiite-led government insists it has nothing to do with the stream of Shiite fighters heading there, and for months it has been warning about the threat posed by Sunni extremists in the fight for Syria. Sunni militants linked to al-Qaida's Iraqi branch have travelled to Syria to fight alongside the rebels, whose ranks include fellow Sunni militants from around the region.

But Iraq's Shiite fighters have grown more open in proclaiming

their role in Syria in recent weeks. In Iraq's southern Shiite heartland, mourners are increasingly gathering at public funerals for fighters who died fighting in Syria. At one held in Maysan province, along the border with Iran, for seven fallen militants, Iraqi soldiers provided protection as camouflage-clad militants carried flower-topped caskets through the streets.

Two Iraqi militias—Asaib Ahl al-Haq and the Hezbollah Brigades, an Iranian-backed group that is independent of the better-known Lebanese Shiite militant group—are organizing much of the transfer of Iraqi fighters to Syria, according to Shiite politicians, clerics and militia members.

Militia leaders send some recruits for training by members of Iran's Quds Force, which oversees external operations of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, to a military camp in the Iranian town of Varamin before they are deployed to Syria, according to a senior official in the political bureau of the National Alliance—an Iraqi coalition of Shiite Islamist parties that includes al-Maliki's political bloc.

Police move past barricades in Istanbul square

ISTANBUL (AP)—Hundreds of police clad in riot gear forced through barricades in Istanbul's central Taksim Square early Tuesday, pushing many of the protesters who had occupied the square for more than a week into a nearby park.

Police briefly fired tear gas canisters and rubber bullets prompting many of the protesters to flee the square into Gezi Park, where many had been camping.

Some of the activists fired fireworks, fire bombs and stones at police water cannon.

Earlier, demonstrators had manned the barricades and prepared for a possible intervention when officers began massing in the area.

Police began taking down

large banners that had been hung by protesters on a large building on the edge of the square. They replaced them with a large Turkish flag and a banner with a picture of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the beloved founder of the secular republic 89 years ago after the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

Huseyin Avni Mutlu, the governor for Istanbul, said in a message issued on his Twitter account, that the police operation was to dismount the banners hung on the building and at a monument on the square.

He said the people occupying the park at the square would not be touched.

Turkey's most widespread anti-government protests in decades erupted on May 31 af-

ter a violent police crackdown on a peaceful sit-in by protesters objecting to a project replacing the park with a replica Ottoman-era barracks.

Prior to the police action, the protests appeared to be diminishing, with the smallest number of demonstrators in the past 12 days gathering in Taksim on Monday night. The protesters occupying Gezi Park had remained, however.

Smaller protests occurred in Ankara too, with about 5,000 people demonstrating. Police there have used water cannon and tear gas to break up demonstrations almost every night.

Three people have died and more than 5,000 have been treated for injuries or the effects of gas during the protests.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iranian candidate quits to boost reformist chances

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran's state TV is reporting that a pro-reform candidate has withdrawn from the June 14 presidential election. The Tuesday report did not elaborate on the reason that Mohammad Reza Aref withdrew. But Aref's website said he made the decision at the urging of reformist ex-president Mohammad Khatami. The move is seen as a move to support centrist Hasan Rowhani, whose campaign has gained momentum in recent days. On Monday, a hardline candidate

withdrew to not split the vote between conservatives. The two decisions leave six candidates running in Friday's election.

Mandela remains in serious but stable condition

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—Nelson Mandela was in serious but stable condition in a Pretoria hospital for the third day Monday with a recurring lung infection, and a foundation led by retired archbishop Desmond Tutu described the 94-year-old anti-apartheid hero as an "extraordinary gift" to South Africa. As

family members visited South Africa's first black president in the hospital, the government announced—in only the second communication on Saturday—that his condition was "unchanged." A statement issued for the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation described Mandela as "the beloved father of our nation" and offered prayers for a man seen by many around the world as a symbol of reconciliation because of his peacemaking role when white racist rule ended in South Africa.

Focus

In nation's breadbasket, Latinos stuck in poverty

FRESNO, Calif. (AP)—On a warm spring day, farmworker Cristina Melendez was bedridden and unable to make her way back into the asparagus fields of central California for the kind of backbreaking work she's done since childhood.

The 36-year-old mother of seven was desperate. Her bank account had been at zero for months, the refrigerator was nearly empty, and she didn't have enough to cover the rent. Lacking health insurance, Melendez couldn't see a doctor or afford medication, so her illness dragged on—and another day came and went without work or pay.

A native of Mexico who was smuggled into the United States as a child, Melendez had once dreamed big: to be a bilingual secretary, to own a house and a car, to become a U.S. citizen. Agriculture, she hoped, would be the springboard to a better life—for her and her U.S.-born children, the next generation of a family whose past and future are deeply rooted in the fertile earth of America's breadbasket.

California's San Joaquin Valley is one of the richest agricultural regions in the world, with Fresno County farmers receiving a record \$6.8 billion in revenues last year. But the region also consistently ranks among the nation's most impoverished. Sometimes called "Appalachia of the West," it's where families, especially Hispanic immigrants and their children, live year after year in destitution.

This divide causes concern because of what it may foretell as the nation's Hispanic population explodes and the U.S. moves toward becoming a majority minority nation. Census data show that non-Hispanic whites will cease to be a majority somewhere about the year 2043. The shift is largely driven by high birth rates among Hispanics as well as by declines in the aging white population.

Already there are a record number of Hispanics living below the poverty line nationwide, and the number of Hispanic children in poverty exceeds that of any other racial or ethnic group. Largely less educated, Hispanic workers are concentrated in relatively low-skill occupations, earning less than the average for all U.S. workers.

"America's communities have become divided between economic winners and losers," said Daniel Lichter, a Cornell University sociologist and past president of the Population As-

sociation of America. "Increasingly, Hispanics begin life's race at a decided disadvantage, raising the specter of new Hispanic ghettos and increasing isolation."

As poor working Latinos settle across the country, fueling local economies in industries such as manufacturing, construction and agriculture, some are left with little room to climb the job ladder.

That holding pattern leads to a cycle of poverty that shows up in the next generation of U.S. citizens. With poverty stunting childhood development and stymieing educational attainment, experts say many Latino children are on track to remain stuck in low-skilled, underpaid jobs.

Harvard economist George Borjas projects that the children of today's immigrants will earn on average 10 percent to 15 percent less than nonimmigrant Americans, with Latinos in particular struggling. The trend could have broad repercussions.

"Much of the nation's labor force growth, its future growth, will come from the Hispanic community," said Mark Hugo Lopez, associate director of the Pew Hispanic Center, pointing to research showing that childhood poverty affects education and jobs. "This not only has implications for Latino families, but for the nation as a whole."

The cycle is especially evident in the fields, vineyards, orchards and groves of the San Joaquin Valley, which stretches about 250 miles between the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles. Thousand-acre farms dominate, thriving on a system of dammed rivers, drained lakes, advanced fertilizers and pesticides. Despite agriculture's modernization and its steadily growing revenues, surprisingly little has changed for the workers themselves.

Farmers have always relied on hiring racial or ethnic minorities ranked at the bottom of society. Valley crops once were harvested by Chinese, Japanese, Punjabis, Filipinos, Mexican braceros, southern Europeans, African-Americans and the white American Dust Bowl arrivals that were an exception to the immigrant mold. Today's crops are picked primarily by Hispanic im-



This photo taken Saturday June 1, 2013, in Fresno, Calif. shows farmworker Cristina Melendez sitting in front of her mother's apartment, as her 5-year-old daughter Lupita Yarelin cries. Melendez, a Mexico native, and her seven U.S. citizen children have for years struggled with poverty, but without legal status, Melendez can't file for unemployment when there's no work in the fields and only obtains food stamps for her kids. AP

migrants like Melendez or their American-born children.

Hispanics account for half the population in Fresno County, and one-third of them live in poverty. Nationally, 1 in 4 Latinos lives below the poverty line, the second-highest percentage of all ethnic and racial groups, after blacks. That compares with an overall national rate of 15 percent and a rate for whites of about 10 percent.

Nowhere are these differences more apparent than in Fresno, California's fifth-largest city and the state's unofficial agricultural capital.

Fresno's north side—home to bankers, doctors and teachers—is dotted with gated communities and McMansions with manicured lawns. It boasts newly paved streets, bike lanes, generous sidewalks, a popular mall and parks.

Melendez's neighborhood in southeast Fresno is a world away. Children on bikes crisscross cracked streets, their gutters strewn with trash. Shabby apartment complexes stretch for blocks. Melendez's three-bedroom home sits on the bottom floor of one such complex, shared by Latino immigrants and Hmong refugees.

Melendez's journey here began with her father, who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally in the late 1970s to pick oranges. He returned to Mexico within a year, but Melendez's mother, Maria Rosales, then came to pick grapes, almonds and peaches.

"People told me I would be sweeping dollars with a broom in California, but what I swept were only pennies," said Rosales, 60, who is now a U.S. citizen and still lives in Fresno.

At 13, Melendez, along with two of her sisters, joined her mother in California, having trekked with a smuggler across the border. The family settled in a small farmworker town in Fresno County. After school and on weekends, Melendez and her sisters picked the

grapes that surrounded them.

"It was loneliness. It was sadness," Melendez said. "I hated grapes."

Melendez dropped out of high school to get married and to get away from working the vineyards, but she and her husband soon separated. Though she spoke good English, she still lived in the country illegally and lacked a high school diploma, barring most employment. She again turned to the fields.

When Melendez can work, she picks every type of crop, from asparagus and grapes to chili peppers. In the offseason, she ties vines and trims branches.

Paid by the hour, Melendez generally receives California's minimum wage of \$8. But whenever possible she works "piece rate," getting paid a set amount per box or bucket picked. Running through the fields to pick as much as she can, she once grossed about \$3,000 for a few weeks of work.

But lean months with no work inevitably follow such windfalls. Without legal status, Melendez can't file for unemployment. She obtains food stamps for her U.S.-citizen children, but otherwise receives little government help. To make ends meet, she sometimes peddles barbecued beef, tamales and beauty products door to door and rents a room to a friend.

"That's what I have, and that's what I make do with," she said, "because the process of doing something else is difficult."

Her children know this, too. Her eldest sons, age 18 and 21, have high school diplomas but no jobs. The oldest, Cristian, started attending Fresno City College's automotive technician program with the help of a loan but then dropped out.

Last winter, with help from a local employment program, he got a two-month job at a bakery. He's also filled temporary positions in maintenance and at a vacuum cleaner company.

Now a parent himself, with a 3-year-old son to support, Cristian said he's desperate to find something permanent. He worked as a farmworker in high school and last year picked peaches, nectarines and grapes. He eventually hopes to get a business degree and open a tattoo parlor and smoke shop, but still fears following in his mother's footsteps—never finding a way out of the fields.

"I don't want to work in the fields, busting my ass for low pay. That doesn't make sense," he said. "But if I don't find work soon, we're low on income, so I'm going to have to go to the fields."

In Fresno, advocates and experts for years have noticed the inextricable relationship between agriculture, the Hispanic community and poverty, and sounded the alarm. But little has been done to tackle the root of the problem.

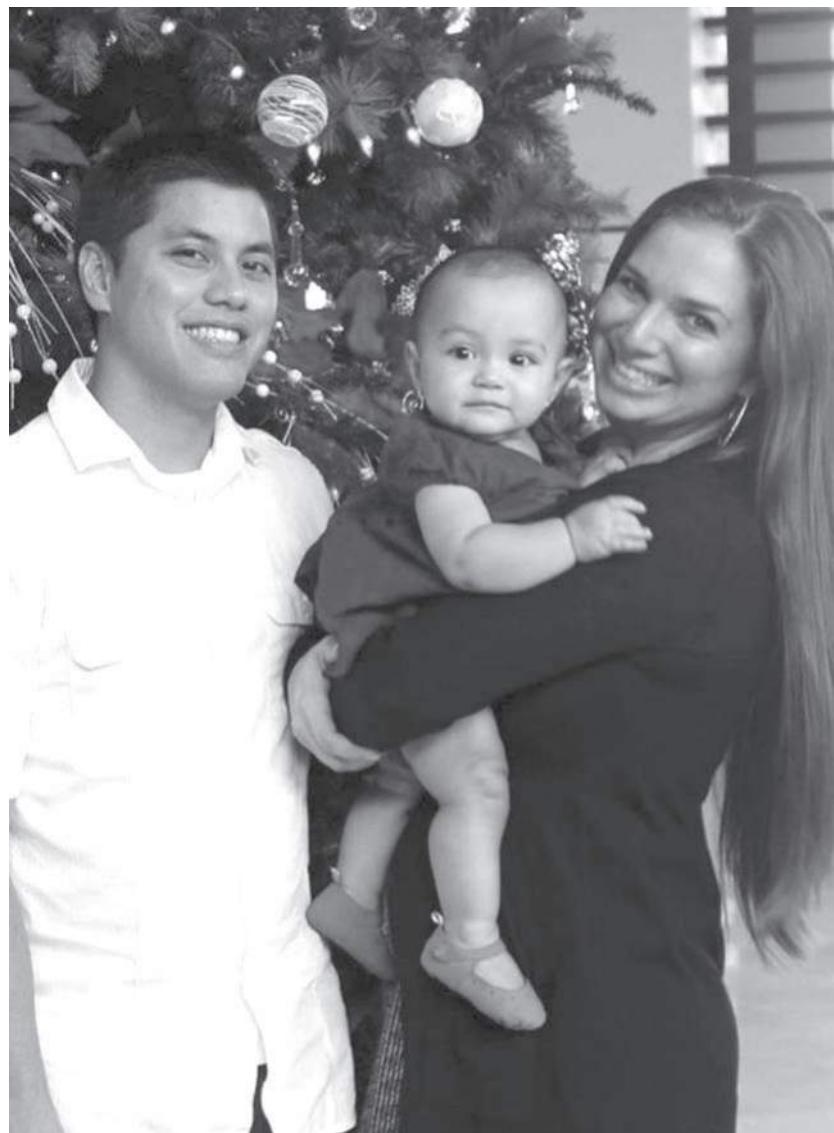
"The number of working people in poverty is increasing, and we're falling further behind in education and health. We need to reverse that trend. Otherwise we'll continue to be seen as a poor area with bad statistics," said Caroline Farrell, executive director of the Valley-based Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment. "And it will get worse. ... We won't have a sustainable community."

Fresno's mayor, Ashley Swarengin, hopes to reverse the trend and last year led a citywide program called Learn2Earn, which helps residents earn their high school diplomas and encourages them to pursue higher education and job training.

"We're talking about changing the mindset of people who think this is their lot in life, this is all they are ever going to do," said Linda Gleason, who leads Learn2Earn. "It's about tapping into people's internal motivation—and showing them education and a better job are not impossible dreams."

Campus Life

ESFDB honors King-Sablan as distinguished alumna



Matt, Matea Grace, and Samatha King Sablan.

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If it weren't for the personal success of its alumni, schools could not show the world how their methods and practices lead to success. Alumni achievements can be as diverse as the student body itself. One might be a notable surgeon while another may have earned success as an award-winning writer. One alumnus might be a successful entrepreneur while another may have spent years serving his or her country in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Whatever it may be, alumni play an integral part of a school's success.

Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja is fortunate that one of its alumna stepped up to help her alma mater for the school year 2012-2013.

Samantha King-Sablan, ESFDB Class of 1998, was recognized as an ESFDB Distinguished Alumni for her generous donation that provided scholarship for two students to attend ESFDB.

"Through your professional and personal success, and more directly through your dedication on behalf of ESFDB, you set an example for other alumni to engage with the school through their talent, time and financial support," said ESFDB school administrator/principal Carmen H. Atalig.

Atalig hopes that King-Sablan will continue to help her alma mater.

ESFDB teacher Florinda Chavez, the longest tenured teacher for the past 19 years, remembers Samantha as this joyful student coming to school with a smile and a positive attitude towards her education.

"Back then she was Samantha King, the studious, cheerful, respectful, and liked by her schoolmates and friends," said Chavez.

King-Sablan said that giving back to

her island where she grew up is very important to her.

After completing her elementary and junior high studies at ESFDB, King-Sablan moved to Guam and attended Notre Dame High School and graduated in 2002. King-Sablan then pursued her college degree at Seattle University in Washington. She graduated in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and a minor in Spanish.

King-Sablan is currently the president of operations at Custom Fitness and Cross Fit Gof Metgot, a new functional fitness facility offering consumers a wide variety of professional health and wellness services. It is located at 588 West Marine Corps Drive in Anigua, Guam.

Her business provides a variety of services including rehabilitative services by an in-house physical therapist, personal training, team and sport-specific training, corporate wellness, nutritional advice and CrossFit, a principal strength and conditioning program that is broad, general, and all-inclusive, designed for universal scalability.

She is married to Matt Sablan and they have a daughter named Matea Grace.

Her proud parents are Board of Education Rota representative Tanya Denise King and retired Army Sgt. Maj. Herman Atalig.

"You get a real sense of how truly significant alumni are and networking with them is when you see alumni in action on behalf of the school," said ESFDB board president Edward Maratita Jr. "It's simply a matter of asking them to reconnect to ESFDB and to explore the opportunities to give back."

"The alumni are around, we just

need to talk to them if they're willing and ready to get involved in their alma mater," added Maratita.

The administration and board of directors would like to extend their appreciation to Samantha King Sablan,

Tanya Denise King, and SGM Herman Atalig for their generous support. (Edward Maratita Jr.)

Separating fact from fiction about Common Core education standards

By RENEE SCHOOF
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON—A backlash against the Common Core educational standards for grade school has hit the radio talk shows and Internet blogs in recent weeks.

The tea party has taken it up as a new rallying cry against what it claims is a government takeover of educating our kids.

At a recent education hearing in Alaska, a state that didn't adopt the standards, tea party critics charged that the Common Core was developed by "extreme leftists" and "a self-avowed Maoist." The hearing also contained references to Nazi Germany.

Some prominent conservatives, including talk show host Glenn Beck and writer-activist Phyllis Schlafly, have been attacking the effort as a dangerous threat from the Obama administration. Other conservatives, such as former Govs. Jeb Bush of Florida and Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, support it.

The new standards have the backing of major business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Business Roundtable president John Engler, a former Republican governor of Michigan, has argued that they're necessary for students to keep up with the rest of the world. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is giving grants to support their implementation.

Q: What are the Common Core State Standards?

A: They spell out expectations of what students should know and be able to do at the end of every grade, from kindergarten through high school. They cover reading, writing, speaking and listening, vocabulary and mathematics. They are brief and deal with fundamentals.

For example, some of the expectations for first-graders in reading are that they'll learn to ask and answer questions about details in what they're reading, show they understand the main ideas and be able to describe characters, settings and events.

Q: Whose idea was it?

A: Not Washington's, despite the insistence of the tea party and other critics. It bubbled up from the states, where the standards were developed by governors and state school officials. Discussions began in 2007, during the George W. Bush administration, before Barack Obama was even a candidate for president, at the annual meeting of the Council of Chief State School Officers. The National Governors Association soon began to weigh in as well.

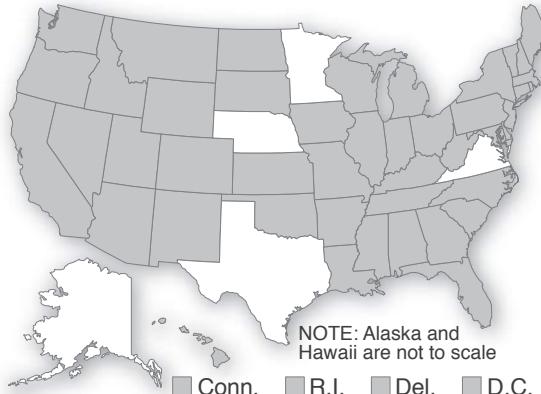
Both groups were concerned that states had different expectations for what high school graduates should know. The result is that a high number of students entering colleges and universities have to pay to take remedial math and English classes before they can take classes for college credit.

The governors and state education officials started seeking advice from

State education standards

States that have adopted the Common Core State Standards designed to provide a clear understanding for what students should be able to know and do in English and math:

Have adopted standards Not adopted



- Standards were devised by the states, with backing from teachers, unions, conservatives, liberals and business groups

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Source: Common Core State Standards Initiative
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education experts in 2009. Business leaders and higher education officials provided feedback. The federal government wasn't involved.

Q: Did Washington require the standards?

A: No. Forty-five states voluntarily adopted the math and English standards, beginning in 2010.

Q: Has Washington played a role?

A: Only to the extent that the Obama administration's Race to the Top school grants competition gave points for having standards—any standards, not necessarily the Common Core—that showed that high school graduates were ready to do college work or get jobs. The Common Core wasn't required, but the administration's push for stronger standards gave it a boost.

Q: Critics claim that the Common Core would nationalize education and threaten state "sovereignty." Is this true?

A: The standards are goals, not mandates. Teachers at individual schools will continue to decide what to teach and how to help children meet the basic goals. Noting that critics claim that the Common Core is a device for the federal government to take control of K-12 education, Huckabee, in a recent letter to Oklahoma lawmakers, wrote: "Speaking from one conservative to another, let me assure you that this simply is not true. State and local districts will determine how they want to teach kids, what curriculum to use and which textbooks to use."

Q: Do the standards include required reading?

A: No. The English standards say that a few specific types of reading should be taught: classic myths and stories, America's founding documents, American literature and Shakespeare.

Appendix B of the English standards gives examples of stories, books, poems, plays and nonfiction that the authors of the standards found to be of high quality and the right level of complexity for each grade. For kindergartners and first-graders, they include classics such as "Green Eggs and Ham," by Dr. Seuss, and "Frog and Toad Together," by Arnold Lobel.

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But the examples aren't requirements or even a suggested reading list. Teachers choose their own books.

Beck said "informational texts," as the term is used in the Common Core English standards, include among the examples "handbooks from the EPA on how to make sure that your siding and your insulation is good in your house. Who in their right mind wants to read the government handbooks?"

An Environmental Protection Agency text on insulation is listed as one of the examples of reading appropriate for 10th-graders. So is "Elements" by Euclid, a work that's influenced mathematicians and scientists for 2,000 years. Neither example, however, is required.

Q: Will the government collect data about students?

A: "There are no data requirements in the Common Core," said Kate Dando, a spokeswoman for the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Q: Has there been political fallout?

A: Some Republican governors who initially embraced Common Core but who face re-election next year have become cautious in the face of tea party and conservative anger. In Georgia, Gov. Nathan Deal issued an executive order last month reaffirming that education is a state responsibility and that under the Constitution the federal government doesn't have a role in deciding how the state's children are educated. He spelled out that no data about students would be collected or shared with Washington.

Q: What do teachers think?

A: One indicator is a poll of American Federation of Teachers members that showed that 75 percent support the Common Core. AFT President Randi Weingarten called in April for a two-year moratorium on sanctions linked to test scores based on the new standards. She argued that schools need more time to understand the standards and get used to using them.

Q: What's next?

A: Two state-led groups are preparing the annual assessments that will be matched to the Common Core State Standards. They aim to have them ready for the 2014-15 school year.

Life & Style

New Lincoln math pages suggest more education

By DAVID MERCER
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CHAMPAIGN, Illinois (AP)—Two math-notebook pages recently authenticated as belonging to Abraham Lincoln suggest the 16th president, who was known to downplay his formal education, may have spent more time in school than usually thought.

And the Illinois State University math professors behind the discovery say the work shows Lincoln was no slouch, either.

Math professors Nerida Ellerton and Ken Clements said Friday at the university in Normal that they'd recently confirmed that the two pages were part of a previously known math notebook from Lincoln's childhood. It was found in the archives of Houghton Library at Harvard University, where it remains.

The book, known as a cyphering book in Lincoln's day, is a sort math workbook in which Lincoln wrote math problems and their answers. It's the oldest known Lincoln manuscript.

Based on the difficulty of the

problems involved and dates on

some of the pages—1824 and,

on the recently authenticated

pages, 1826, when Lincoln was

17—Lincoln likely worked in

the book intermittently over

several calendar years while

his family lived in Indiana, the

married professors said. They

think he could have started as

early as the age of 10 and be-

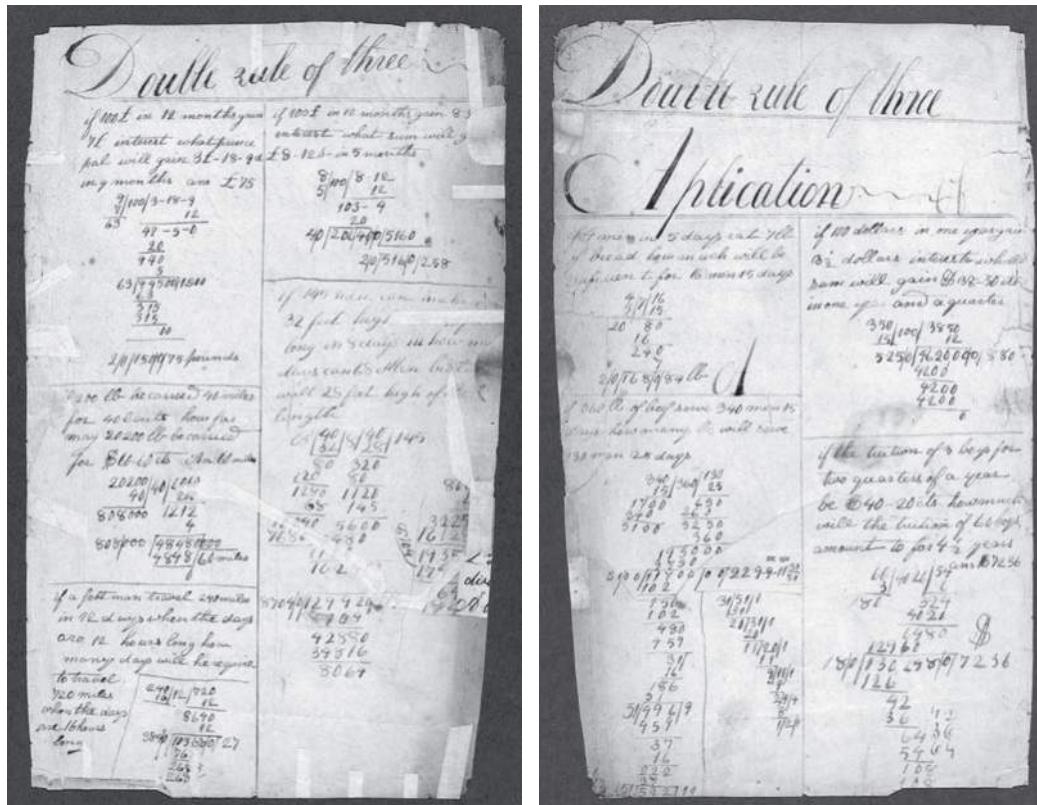
lieve his work happened while

he was in school.

"Most people say he went to

school for anything between

three months and nine months"



This undated photo provided by permission of the Houghton Library at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., shows two pages (call number MS Am 1326) from the library's archives that Illinois State University math professors Nerida Ellerton and Ken Clements on Friday, June 7, 2013, confirmed as two new pages to add to the math notebook believed to be the oldest surviving document written by Abraham Lincoln. The pages are from the 1820s. Lincoln's stepmother gave the notebook to Lincoln law partner William Herndon after the 16th president's death.

over the course of his life, Clements said. "We think he went to school (up to) two years."

And very little of the work is wrong, he added.

"He made very few errors, and he always knew what he was trying to do," Clements added. "We've studied thousands of these cyphering books. You don't always get the feeling that 'this guy knew what he was doing.'"

The professors' find suggests Lincoln may have gone to school over as many as three

to five winters, according to historian Daniel Stowell, director of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln project at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield. The library owns one previously identified page of the book.

"They are arguing with some merit that a cyphering book would have been created in a school setting," Stowell said. "It does at least open the possibility that he may have had more formal schooling than originally thought. Not a whole lot more,

but still more."

The pages—attached as a single leaf—include word problems that are the equivalent of roughly eighth-grade modern work, Clements said.

"If 100 dollars in one year gain 3½ dollars interest, what sum will gain \$38.50 cents in one year and a quarter?" one reads.

Any student doing such work in the 1820s would have been more advanced than most on the frontier in Indiana, Clements said.

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Qualification Requirements:

High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus 2 months work experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service based work environment; knowledge and skills in iPEX ERP system; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; excellent communication, organizational, and sales skills preferred; must have word processor and spreadsheet skills, be personable and flexible under pressure, be able to work independently with detailed projects and have an aptitude to learn new skills; must be willing to work full-time, shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

TOUR GUIDE SUPERVISORS (3)

Job Summary:

Supervise and coordinate the activities of tour guides to ensure adherence to quality standards, work goals, deadlines, work schedules, policies, and proper procedures, correcting errors or problems. Assign work schedules in accordance with work requirements to ensure quality and timely delivery of service. Review the work of tour guides; train, evaluate and counsel tour guides in the use and knowledge of service standards, optional tour program, and customer service expectations. Resolve customer complaints or answer customers' questions regarding tours, hotel food and lodging, dining, shopping, other activities, and airport pick-up and drop-off. Provide employees with guidance in handling difficult or complex problems or in resolving escalated complaints or disputes. Implement corporate or departmental policies, procedures, and service standards in conjunction with management. Discuss job performance problems with employees to identify causes and issues and to work on resolving problems. Train or instruct employees in job duties or company policies or arrange for training to be provided. Evaluate employees' job performance and conformance to regulations and recommend appropriate personnel action. Review records or reports pertaining to tour guides duties and responsibilities, activities and other services to verify details; monitor work activities, or evaluate performance. Assist in recruiting, interviewing, and selecting employees. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Coordinate activities with other supervisory personnel or with other work units or departments. Analyze financial activities of the unit and provide input into budget planning and preparation processes. Develop or update procedures, policies, or standards to improve staff performance. Make recommendations to management concerning such issues as staffing decisions or procedural changes. Recommend or initiate personnel actions, such as promotions, transfers, discharges, and disciplinary measures; gives on-the-job training and coaching; monitors and evaluates performance of tour guides. Consult with managers or other personnel to resolve problems in areas such as equipment performance, output quality, work schedules, work facility, and tour vehicles. Participate in the work of subordinates to facilitate productivity to overcome difficult aspects of work. Design, implement, or evaluate staff training and development programs, customer service initiatives, or performance measurement criteria. Develop work schedules according to budgets, workloads, and/or guest needs. Discuss work problems or grievances with management. Ensure compliance by tour guides of government rules and regulations. Apply customer/guest feedback to service improvement efforts. Arrange for necessary maintenance or repair work of facilities and vehicles. Perform other related duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:

High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus two years work experience in a tour guide or two years work experience in tour operation, sales or service related work; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have excellent organizational skills, personable and flexible under pressure; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; Must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. A highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage. Commission may also be earned once the training period is passed.

TOUR GUIDE MANAGER (1)

Job Summary:

Manage the day-to-day activities of the tour services department, including formulating policies, reviewing processes, and systems for efficiency and effectiveness, and making continuous service improvement. Supervise, coordinate, manage, and monitor the work and activities of the tour guides supervisors, tour guides, and other departmental staff. Align department and staff performance in support of organizational goals. Formulate and implement departmental and organizational policies and procedures to maximize staff productivity. Recruit, hire, and discipline subordinate staff. Monitor performance and conduct performance evaluations, address performance deficiencies and implement corrective action as necessary. Ensure quality of services. Identify training needs and staff development resources. Plan and support sales and marketing activities. Assist in the development of strategic plans for operational activity. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Implement and manage operational plans. Advance company management's ability to improve service delivery and accountability through the use of data tracking and analysis. Establish priorities and process improvement strategies in partnership with other company service departments; ensures compliance with new or revised policies, procedures rules and regulations. Develop budget recommendations; researches and review financial impacts and consequences of proposed recommendations; secures resource allocations or seeks alternative resource solutions for the company tour service operations. Resolves complaint escalations from the Tour Guides Supervisor. Prepare and provide management and statistical reports to management and the executive team and department managers. Resolve technology, facility, and transportation, and other issues that cause disruption to service delivery; manages crises if service delivery is interrupted. Perform other duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:

High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus 4 years supervisory work experience in tour operation, or tour service related work and capable; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (1)

Job Summary:

Direct and coordinate activities relating to supplier/vendor engagement, contract negotiation, and management. Conduct process mapping of tour guides and operations clerks activities. Review policies and procedures and recommend changes. Develop operations manual for tour guides, operations clerk, and van and bus drivers. Prepare destination brochures/branding for the China market and other promotional materials and flyers. Coordinate staff activities relating to hotel room allocation, contract negotiation and management. Participate in formulating and administering company policies and developing long range goals and objectives. Direct and coordinate activities of department or division for which responsibility is delegated to further attainment of goals and objectives. Review analyses of activities, costs, operations, and forecast data to determine department or division progress toward stated goals and objectives. Confer with management officials and other administrative personnel to review achievements and discuss required changes in goals or objectives resulting from current status and conditions. Prepare periodic reports for management, as necessary or requested, to track strategic goal accomplishment. Review performance data that includes financial, sales, and activity reports and spreadsheets to monitor and measure departmental productivity, goal achievement, and overall effectiveness. Plan, evaluate, and improve the efficiency of business processes and procedures to enhance speed, quality, efficiency, effectiveness, and output. Plan and implement systems that perform the work and fulfill the mission and the goals of the company efficiently and effectively. Perform other related duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:

Bachelor's degree in business, tourism, marketing, management or related field plus a minimum of six (6) years of responsible leadership experience in management positions, at least three (3) years of which must be as executive in a travel/tour operations. Knowledge of competing Southeast Asian tourism markets that targets Chinese outbound travel and a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives are an advantage. Must have excellent organizational skills; Writing and verbal communications. Skills in both English and Japanese preferred; Personable and flexible under pressure; Able to work independently with detailed projects; Must be willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends.

TOUR GUIDES (3)

Job Summary:

Perform all and/or any combination of the following duties: escort individuals or groups on short cruises, sightseeing tours or through places of interest, jungle tours, water sports and other beach activities, shopping, dining, etc.; describe tour points of interest to individuals or groups, and respond to questions; monitor guest's activities in order to ensure compliance with company or tour regulations and safety practices; greet and register visitors, and issue any required identification badges and/or safety devices; distribute brochures, show audiovisual presentations, and/or explain company processes and operations at tour sites; and perform other related duties as assigned or as required.

Qualification Requirements:

High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus at least one month work experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related work; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage.

ROOMS & RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS MANAGER (1)

Job Summary:

Manage the day-to-day activities of the Room & Restaurant Reservations Department, including formulating policies, reviewing processes, procedures, and systems for efficiency and effectiveness, and making continuous service improvement. Supervise, coordinate, manage, and monitor the work and activities of the Operations Clerks, Operations Clerk supervisor and other departmental staff. Align department and staff performance in support of organizational goals. Formulate and implement departmental and organizational policies and procedures to maximize staff productivity. Recruit, hire, and discipline subordinate staff. Monitor performance and conduct performance evaluations, address performance deficiencies and implement corrective action as necessary. Ensure quality of services. Identify training needs and staff development resources. Plan and support room bookings and assignment, restaurant bookings and other room and restaurant marketing activities. Assist in the development of strategic plans for operational activity. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Implement and manage operational plans. Advance company management's ability to improve service delivery and accountability through the use of data tracking, and analysis. Establish priorities and process improvement strategies in partnership with other company service departments; ensures compliance with new or revised policies, procedures rules and regulations. Develop budget recommendations, researches and review financial impacts and consequences of proposed recommendations; secures resource allocations or seeks alternative resource solutions for the company tour service operations. Resolves staff & customer complaints. Prepare and provide management and statistical reports to management and the executive team and department managers. Resolve technology, facility, and transportation, and other issues that cause disruption to service delivery; manages crises if service delivery is interrupted. Perform other duties as required or as assigned.

Qualification Requirements:

High school graduate, GED or equivalent plus a combination equivalent to five years work experience as a tour operations supervisor or manager in a tour/travel agency, sales or service related work and capable of performing the duties of a manager; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have excellent organizational skills, personable and flexible under pressure; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays and weekends; a highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage. Knowledge of Japanese language an advantage.

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Helen Mirren talks royalty and 'Doctor Who'

LONDON (AP)—Helen Mirren is a star of stage and screen—and now stage on-screen.

Mirren's award-winning performance as Queen Elizabeth II in "The Audience" will be beamed this week from London's Gielgud Theatre to hundreds of movie theaters around the world in a live broadcast.

It's the latest step in Mirren's glittering regal procession as the monarch. She won an Academy Award for playing Elizabeth in the 2006 movie "The Queen," and gained an Olivier stage trophy in April for her reprise in box-office hit "The Audience."

But the actress, who has made a career of not being typecast, had to be persuaded to wear the crown a second time.

"I really didn't want to play the role again," Mirren said in an interview before another evening donning tiara and pearls. "I was very resistant."

Mirren was won over by the quality of the creative team, which includes director Stephen Daldry, award-winning stage designer Bob Crowley and playwright Peter Morgan, who wrote both "The Queen" and "The Audience."

"It was just an amazing team, and I thought, 'If you walk away from this, you're an idi-



burden of her position.

"This is a woman who has lived with nonstop admiration and a lot of sycophancy, but at the same time is a very straightforward, pragmatic, down to earth person, I suspect.

"It's a life of incredible luxury in many ways, but I don't think luxury is her default mode. I don't think she likes luxury, actually. I think she'd be far happier on a tractor with muddy boots in the kitchen and lots of dogs running around."

"The Audience" will be broadcast to cinemas across Britain and around the world Thursday. Some movie theaters will show it live, while others will show it at different times throughout the summer.

Live theater broadcasts have become a surprise hit since Britain's National Theatre launched its NT Live program four years ago with—fittingly enough—a production of Jean Racine's "Phedre" starring Mirren.

What began as an experiment inspired by the Metropolitan Opera's cinema broadcasts has quickly become a cultural fixture. From an initial 280 theaters, the broadcasts now go out to almost 700 venues in 25 countries.

Eight shows a year get the NT Live treatment. Most are National Theatre productions, but some, like "The Audience," come from other theaters. Next up is Kenneth Branagh's "Macbeth," to be broadcast from the Manchester International Festival on July 20.

"It's been way beyond our wildest dreams," said David Sabel, executive producer of NT Live. "When we launched it, it was very much an experiment. We were quietly confident, but there were a lot of questions about whether it would work.

"In the past when theater has been filmed, they've put the cameras at the back or on the side so as not to disturb the audience," he said. "And that's why you end up with a product that looks like it wasn't meant

to be filmed."

NT Live's approach was to treat the plays like live sports broadcasts, using multiple cameras, tracking shots, and close-ups to merge the immediacy of live theater and the intimacy of film.

Mirren knows from experience the challenge of playing to a live audience while cameras, occupying some of the seats, film the action.

"It's very tricky, because there's such a world of difference between theatre acting and film acting, and this absolutely is right in the middle," Mirren said.

"It's not a process that you get to practice a lot, so it's a bit of a crapshoot. You're working in the dark really, and there's no chance of going back and going 'Oh God, can we do it again?' You just have to go for it, in the way that you do in the theater."

"The Audience" ends its West End run on Saturday, but Mirren may not be finished with the queen yet. She says the play may transfer to Broadway—"but not for a while."

At 67, Mirren is at the top of her game. In a 45-year career, she's gone from the Royal Shakespeare Company to screen notoriety in the racy

"Caligula" to movie classics such as "Excalibur" and "The Long Good Friday." Millions know her as steely detective Jane Tennison in the long-running TV series "Prime Suspect," and she can currently be heard as the voice of a sinister creature in the animated movie "Monsters University."

Dame Helen Mirren—she received the female equivalent of a knighthood in 2003—is as much a national treasure as the queen, though a considerably less buttoned-up one.

She has even been suggested as the next star of "Doctor Who," the beloved BBC sci-fi series about a space-hopping, time-traveling alien hero. Eleven actors have played the role since the show began in 1963, and a 12th is to be announced soon.

Kanye West says new album is 'all about giving'

NEW YORK (AP)—Kanye West says his new album is all about giving.

The multiplatinum rapper held a listening for "Yeezus" late Monday in New York City, where Beyoncé was one of the few hundred attendees.

West said that his sixth effort will showcase his growth over the last two years and that "he had to learn about giving ... this whole process is all about giving."

"I feel like I know who I am," said West, who turned 36 on Saturday.

"Yeezus" is out June 18. It has a dark, moody vibe that expands beyond his last two solo efforts, 2010's "My Beautiful



West

Dark Twisted Fantasy" and 2008's "808s & Heartbreak." It's also a departure from his first three albums, which featured a plethora of radio hits.

West held the listening in the loading dock of Milk Studios in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. The room was dark as lights burst onto the walls to display colorful visuals that assisted the 10 songs the rapper played.

Busta Rhymes and Q-Tip also attended the listening. West's new album features Bon Iver's Justin Vernon and rapper Chief Keef.

West and girlfriend Kim Kardashian are expecting their first child.

Apple unveils music streaming service

NEW YORK (AP)—Apple unveiled an Internet radio service called iTunes Radio and said the service will personalize listeners' music based on what they've listened to and what they've purchased on iTunes.

Apple said iTunes Radio will be available this fall in the U.S., it said Monday. It will be free with advertisements included, although subscribers of Apple's iTunes Match music-storage service will get a commercial-free version of iTunes Radio. That service costs \$25 a year.

In unveiling the long-expected service Monday at its Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco, Apple enters a crowded field. Google Inc. started an on-demand subscription music service called All Access last month. Other leading services include Spotify, Rhapsody and Pandora.

Apple was a pioneer of online music sales and is still a leader

there, but streaming services such as Pandora and Spotify have emerged as popular alternatives to buying. Pandora relies on its users being connected to the Internet at all times and plays songs at random within certain genres for free.

As with Pandora, iTunes Radio will let people create stations based on specific songs, artists or genres. So users can put in a particular song, and the station will play songs like it. Apple did not provide details on how the other songs will be determined. Pandora uses a formula to analyze songs based on musical and other characteristics.

Users won't be able to type in the name of a specific song and have it play right away. Pandora doesn't allow that, either. That's something available through other services that charge monthly fees, including Spotify and Google's All Access.

Analysts were lukewarm.

"This is a nice free feature that lots of people will probably try out, but existing Pandora users won't have much reason to switch," Jan Dawson, chief telecoms analyst at Ovum, said in an emailed comment.

Dawson said a service that lets people call up specific songs on demand would have made a bigger splash, "but that would likely have disrupted Apple's existing iTunes business, and the music industry as a whole, too much."

Pandora charges \$36 a year for ad-free listening, more than Apple at \$25. Pandora also has a free, ad-supported version like iTunes Radio. In February, Pandora capped free listening on mobile devices to 40 hours per month. Apple said Monday that its service would have no limits.

iTunes Radio will also offer featured stations, which play songs that are the most-talked about on Twitter, for example.

The service integrates Apple's Siri virtual assistant so that users can get information by speaking questions such as "Who plays that song?" Users can also tell Siri to skip songs, stop or pause playing. And they can ask to play more songs like the one currently playing, or buy them on iTunes with a click, Apple said. Pandora also lets listeners purchase songs, through either iTunes or Amazon.

Apple said iTunes Radio will be built into iOS 7, the new software for iPhones, iPads and iPod Touches. That's coming this fall. It will also work with Apple's iTunes software on Mac and Windows computers.

Pandora investors did not seem concerned about the potential Apple competition. The company's stock rose 37 cents, or 2.5 percent, to close at \$15.49 following the afternoon announcement. It added another 12 cents in extended trading.

Jackson treatments raised alarm for concert exec

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jurors in the Michael Jackson case were shown an email in which the top executive at AEG Live LLC expressed grave concerns about treatments Jackson was receiving from his long-time dermatologist.

The email sent by CEO Randy Phillips said the company was "scared to death" of drug injections given to Jackson. Phillips told jurors on Monday the email was a response to a \$48,000 bill that Jackson's

manager received for the treatments by Dr. Arnold Klein.

"He scares us to death because he is shooting him up with something," Phillips wrote.

The email was sent to Jackson's business manager, Michael Kane, after a meeting was held at the singer's house to address his health and missed rehearsals.

The treatments included numerous shots of cosmetic drugs such as Restalyne and

botox, as well as other unidentified intramuscular shots, Phillips said, citing the bill.

Klein's attorney has defended the doctor's treatment of Jackson.

Katherine Jackson is suing AEG Live, claiming it failed to properly investigate her son's personal doctor, Conrad Murray, and missed warning signs about his failing health.

Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter after giving Jackson a lethal dose of

Cher to perform live on NBC's 'The Voice'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Cher has a date with NBC's "The Voice."

The network said Monday the pop star will perform live on the talent contest's June 18 season finale.

She will sing "Woman's World," the first single off her upcoming album of the same name, the network said.

'Glee' star Jane Lynch and wife announce divorce

"Glee" star Jane Lynch is divorcing her wife of three years.

Lynch married Dr. Lara Embry in 2010 in Massachusetts. She told *People* magazine in a statement Monday that splitting up was "a difficult decision for us as we care very deeply about one another."

Lynch asked for privacy for the family, which includes Embry's daughter.

The 52-year-old actress met Embry, a 44-year-old clinical psychologist, in 2009 and they wed on Memorial Day in 2010.

Lynch is currently starring in "Annie" on Broadway and performed on Sunday night's Tony Awards on CBS. (AP)

In this Jan. 29, 2012, file photo, Jane Lynch, left, and Lara Embry arrive at the 18th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles.

AP



SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Def Leppard's Vivian Campbell says he has cancer

NEW YORK (AP)—Def Leppard guitarist Vivian Campbell says he is being treated for cancer. In a statement Monday, the 50-year-old says he has Hodgkin's lymphoma and has been in chemotherapy for two months, with four months of treatment remaining. Says Campbell: "I feel fortunate that my cancer sent me an alarm call in the form of 'the cough that wouldn't quit.'" Campbell says he still plans to hit the road this summer with Def Leppard. The first show is at the Hellfest music festival in France on June 21. The tour wraps up July 17 in Canandaigua, New York. Campbell also played in the bands Dio and Thin Lizzy.

Rapper 2 Chainz robbed at gunpoint in US

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police say platinum-selling rapper 2 Chainz was robbed in San Francisco just hours before he was scheduled to perform at a concert. Sgt. Dennis Toomer says the hip-hop star, whose real name is Tauheed Epps, was walking with five members of his entourage near downtown Sunday afternoon. They were approached by three men, one of them holding a handgun. Toomer says one shot was fired as the rapper had his cellphone and wallet with credit cards and cash inside stolen. Police say the suspected shooter apparently got away in a gray sedan. The Atlanta-based rapper was in the Bay Area to perform at KMEL-FM's annual Summer Jam concert Sunday night at the Oracle Arena in Oakland.

Sigourney Weaver to leave 'Vanya and Sonia'

NEW YORK (AP)—Newly crowned Tony Award winner "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" has gotten a new lease on life, but one of its original actresses will be leaving. Producers of Christopher Durang's comical work that won the best play award Sunday said Monday it will extend for a final time until Aug. 25. Sigourney Weaver, who plays Masha, will play her final performance on July 28 and be replaced by Tony winner Julie White. In an interview in March, Weaver said she would at some point have to leave to fulfill her film obligations, including one with director David Cronenberg and James Cameron's "Avatar 2." "I'm really cherishing the stage experience because it's probably going to be a while before I come back," she said. "And certainly I won't be playing anyone like Masha." White won the 2007 Tony for her performance in "The Little Dog Laughed." She joins a cast that includes Kristine Nielsen, David Hyde Pierce and Tony nominees this season Billy Magnussen and Shalita Grant.

Cher, who turned 67 in May, joins other pop artists who have appeared on TV contests to promote new records. They include "Voice" guest stars Rod Stewart and Lady Antebellum.

Cher's "Woman's World" album, her first in 12 years, is due out later this year.

The Grammy, Oscar and Emmy winner has scored a No. 1 single on the Billboard pop charts in each of the last six decades, including her 1998 single "Believe."



Cher

Prince Philip spends 92nd birthday in hospital

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II visited her husband, Prince Philip, at a London hospital on Monday, where he was spending his 92nd birthday recovering from abdominal surgery.

Philip was "comfortable and in good spirits," Buckingham Palace officials said, but he will need about two months of convalescence following the surgery. Details of his condition were not released.

The queen spent about half an hour at the London Clinic in central London.

Earlier Monday, Philip's son, Prince Edward, made a similar visit. Afterward, Edward told reporters outside the hospital that his father was doing well.

Officials said Philip is expected to be hospitalized for about two weeks before going into convalescence.

They said the royal is "progressing satisfactorily" after the exploratory surgery at the clinic on Friday. Results of various tests are expected this week, but it is not clear if the diagnosis will be made public.

Philip has suffered heart and bladder problems in the past, but he appeared well when he was last seen in public at a Buckingham Palace garden party Thursday.

His birthday was officially celebrated by two extended gun salutes in central London.

John Malkovich helps US tourist hurt in Canada

DEFIANCE, Ohio (AP)—A U.S. tourist says actor John Malkovich played a starring role in coming to his rescue when he fell and gashed his throat on scaffolding in Canada.

Seventy-seven-year-old Jim Walpole fell Thursday in Toronto while on a trans-Canadian trip.

Walpole tells the *Toronto Star* that Malkovich, who was appearing at a local theater, applied pressure to slow the bleeding until medics arrived. The injury re-

quired 10 stitches.

Ben Quinn, whose family owns a restaurant nearby, held Walpole's head. He said by phone Monday that Malkovich "had everything under control" quickly, didn't want attention and called later to check on Walpole.

A message seeking an update was left for Walpole on Monday. Representatives for Malkovich did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.



AP
This June 6, 2013 file photo shows actor John Malkovich in Toronto to promote his new role as Casanova in "The Giacomo Variations," which he performed over the weekend.

Snooping mom feels shut out by son's insistence on privacy

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My partner of 12 years and I are well-educated, successful career men. Every few months my mom comes to visit, and we all enjoy spending time together.

The last few visits were not so great. We caught Mom snooping in our bedroom and our home office. When we confronted her, she got upset and stormed out of the room in tears. I have asked her to respect our privacy, but her response is that she—as the mother—is the one who deserves respect.

We recently had some renovations done to the house that included locks on our bedroom and office doors. When neither of us are home, the doors stay locked. Nothing was said about it during Mom's last visit, but last week we received a note from her telling us not to come for our usual summer visit. I tried to call her, but she won't answer.

Today I talked with my aunt (Mom's sister), who told me Mom is furious over the locks. My aunt also expressed disappointment in me for "shutting Mom out." I don't understand how I could be in the wrong, but it seems my whole family feels I am. Please advise.

IN A JAM IN ST. PETE

DEAR IN A JAM: Although your mother deserves respect, it is hard to respect someone who goes through one's bedroom and office after having been asked not to. You may be her son, but you are also an adult and have the right to some privacy. What Mom is doing is the equivalent of throwing a tantrum. You were not shutting her out; you were drawing the line. Regardless of what your aunt said, you owe no one an apology.

Let's hope this storm blows over soon. And as to your summer holiday plans, an Alaskan cruise might be a lovely change from the humidity of Florida and the steam coming from wherever your mother lives.

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DEAR ABBY: My grandmother was very poor, but she was generous with what she had. As a child, I noticed that most of the gifts she received were regifted to others. At first, it upset me because I spent a lot of time choosing a "perfect" gift for her. Then I realized she was enjoying the gift twice. She loved receiving it, but it gave her even more pleasure to pass it on to someone else to enjoy when she couldn't afford to buy a present on her limited income.

I get so tired of people whining about "regifting." Instead of being happy that someone gave them something, people worry about how much was spent. (I'm willing to bet the real reason for the upset is that the regift can't be returned or exchanged.) People who don't want to receive regifts should let the givers know so they won't waste their generosity on them in the future.

THE JOY OF GIVING

DEAR JOY: I see the issue differently, because I suspect that some complainers may have confused the monetary value of the item with how much they—the recipients—are valued in the relationship. As you point out—and I agree—it really IS the spirit in which a gift is given that counts.

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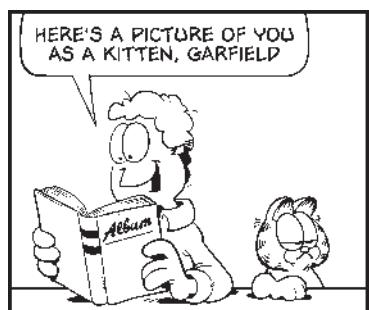


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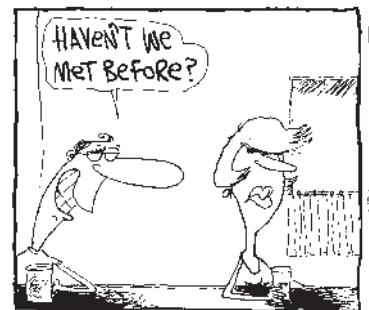
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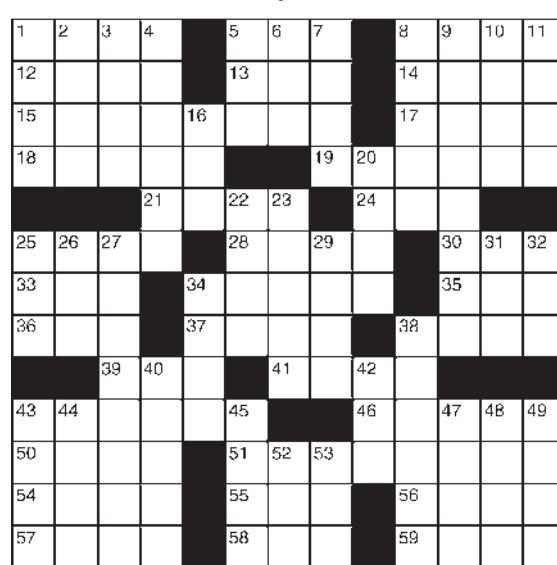


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By Eugene Sheffer

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Happy Birthday: Let your charm guide you to success. Keep life simple and refrain from making unnecessary or abrupt changes to your life that you may regret. Think matters through and use your past experience to cultivate the best tactic or strategy. Solutions that are based on proven or practical methods will get you back on track. Partnerships must be nurtured. Your numbers are 5, 11, 16, 22, 30, 36, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take on what you find exciting and inspiring and walk away from anyone or anything that has a negative spin. It's important to take action and be a participant if you want to expand your friendships and opportunities. 

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Voice your opinion and get things accomplished. Once you put your plans in motion, you will get everyone around you to show more enthusiasm. Love and romance are on the rise, and sharing common interests will bring you closer together. 

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't reveal your thoughts, especially if it pertains to a work-related matter. Size up the situation you face and determine what you have to do to show your talent and value to whatever job you do. Moderation will be necessary. 

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Step outside your comfort zone and give a unique spin to whatever you do. Show your strength as well as your determination to be at your very

best. Relationships will undergo changes that are unexpected. Nurture the partnerships you cherish. 

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Embrace change, but don't let others dictate what you decide to do. Act on your own merit and offer what you feel comfortable parting with. Keep your money in a safe place and restrict your generosity to physical, not financial assistance. 

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take care of business in order to avoid being criticized.

An emotional problem due to an investment, money matter or health situation must be taken care of in an unorthodox manner. Disillusionment regarding a partnership is likely. 

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Proceed with caution when dealing with both personal and professional relationships. You have options and should take the time to learn, study and practice in order to be at your top level of performance. 

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do something that will allow you to explore an unusual or unique creative idea or talent.

Getting together with people you find inspiring or would like to collaborate with will bring you one step closer to your goal. Love is on the rise. 

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A carefree attitude may help entertain others, but it probably won't get you what you want in the end. Change can be good, but it must be made for the right reasons. Evaluate your current relationships and make amends where necessary. 

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A short trip will lead to new prospects that can combine your talent, skills and knowledge. A commitment to a project or a partnership looks positive. Leave room for love and romance as your day comes to a close. 

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at your investments and make any alterations that will ensure your financial safety. Sizing down or making a wise purchase that will grow in value will set the stage for years to come. Don't be fooled by a slick sales pitch. 



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Socialize, network and consider the changes you can make to improve your future. A solid partnership will help you stay on track. A creative idea or a service you can offer will turn into a money-maker if you present it properly. 



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A short trip will lead to new prospects that can combine your talent, skills and knowledge. A commitment to a project or a partnership looks positive. Leave room for love and romance as your day comes to a close. 

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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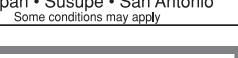
 

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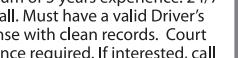
 

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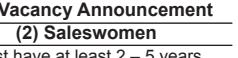
 

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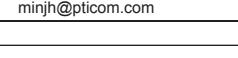
 

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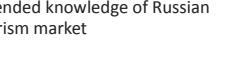
 

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In this Dec. 17, 2012, file photo, then-New York Jets quarterback Tim Tebow warms up before an NFL football game in Nashville, Tenn. Tim Tebow is joining the New England Patriots, according to a report by ESPN on Monday, June 10, 2013. AP

Lionel Hollins out as Memphis Grizzlies coach

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP SPORTS WRITER



The Memphis Grizzlies have decided to part with the winningest coach in the franchise's history, telling Lionel Hollins they will not be renewing his contract as head coach coming off their first trip to the Western Conference finals.

Hollins confirmed Monday night to The Associated Press that he had been told his contract would not be renewed. He had no further comment.

The Commercial Appeal first cited anonymous sources that Hollins had been told he would not be back as the Grizzlies' head coach. WMC-TV in Memphis first reported Hollins said his contract would not be renewed before thanking former Grizzlies owner Michael Heisley for giving him the opportunity to be head coach and Memphis fans for their support.

The move finally came after Hollins attended each of the Grizzlies' first three pre-draft workouts, including the third session Monday.

DETROIT (AP)—Maurice Cheeks is getting a third shot to be an NBA head coach.

The Detroit Pistons are desperately hoping he makes the most of the opportunity he was given Monday, when they announced the hiring and did not disclose the length of his deal.

Cheeks was 284-286 in the regular season and 5-11 during three postseasons while

leading the Portland Trail Blazers and Philadelphia 76ers, a team he helped win an NBA title as a point guard.

"After spending some time with Maurice, I was very impressed not only with his basketball knowledge but his communication and leadership skills," Pistons owner Tom Gores said in a statement. "We are very excited to have someone of his experience and talent help take this franchise into the future."

Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson helped his friend, Gores, during the search as a consultant.

"The leadership and player development qualities he brings as a former player and coach blends nicely with the roster we are building for the future," Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said in a statement. "He's won an NBA championship, coached in two NBA Finals as an assistant coach and mentored some of the top young players in the NBA."

Detroit has been looking for a new coach since it fired Lawrence Frank in April, a day after finishing 29-53. Frank was 54-94 in two seasons with the Pistons.

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Hollins' contract had been set to expire June 30, but the Grizzlies issued a statement Monday night saying that Hollins is no longer with the organization. Jason Levien, chief executive officer and managing partner of the Grizzlies, said they decided after talks with Hollins

and his agent to go in a different direction and thanked the veteran coach for his work with the franchise since its start in Vancouver.

"Lionel, the coaching staff, the players and the organization achieved new heights this season with our run to the Western Conference finals and for that, we are grateful," Levien said in his statement. "The entire Grizzlies' family wishes Lionel all the best and great success as he moves forward in his career."

Hollins, who won an NBA title as a player with Portland in 1977, had been with this franchise for 10 of its first 12 seasons and was the interim head coach first in 1999-00 when he replaced Brian Hill after a 4-18 start in Vancouver and again for four games in 2004-05 after Hubie Brown resigned. Heisley hired Hollins after firing Marc Iavaroni in January 2009, and he is 214-201 overall and 18-17 in the playoffs.

His future with the team has been unsettled since the Spurs swept the Grizzlies in the West finals. He led Memphis to a better record each season, including a franchise-best 56-26 record this season. The Grizzlies beat first the Clippers, then top-seeded Oklahoma City in the playoffs.

Hollins said a day after the Grizzlies were swept that he wanted to stay in Memphis. But now Hollins is expected to interview with the Clippers and the Denver Nuggets later this week.

New ownership led by Robert Pera, a California tech billionaire, took over the Grizzlies

land's archival.

Tebow has been criticized for his throwing motion but has said he wants to play quarterback, not switch positions. Still, the Patriots might need help at tight end after Rob Gronkowski underwent a fourth operation for a broken forearm and faces back surgery. At 6-foot-3 and 236 pounds, Tebow has the size to play that spot.

Belichick values versatility in his players, having used wide receivers Troy Brown, Julian Edelman and Matthew Slater at defensive back when injuries hit that position.

Belichick also has been willing to gamble on players discarded by other teams. Some have succeeded, like wide receivers Wes Welker and Randy Moss and running back Danny Woodhead. Some haven't, including wide receiver Chad Johnson and defensive lineman Albert Haynesworth.

The media circus that surrounded Tebow in Denver and with the Jets also could be minimized by Belichick, who keeps a tight lid on players' interactions with reporters.

in November, and Pera put in Levien in charge. Levien made some changes in the front office, bringing in former ESPN.com writer John Hollinger as vice president of basketball operations and Stu Lash as director of player personnel and basketball development in December.

But Hollins had lobbied against trading leading scorer Rudy Gay away, wanting to keep together the core of starters that turned in the NBA's best start this season. Memphis traded Gay to Toronto on Jan. 30 as part of a three-team trade, and Hollins talked of not being able to have "champagne taste" on a beer budget before refocusing the Grizzlies on a stretch run that was the league's best after the All-Star break at 23-8.

Under Hollins, the Grizzlies also featured one of the NBA's best defenses. Memphis allowed the fewest points per game this season with the 89.3 points the first time since 2005-06 that a team had held opponents below 90 points for an entire season. The Grizzlies also ranked third holding opponents to 43.5 percent shooting and a league-best 33.5 percent made field goals a game.

The candidates to replace Hollins include Grizzlies assistant Dave Joerger and George Karl, fired last week by the Nuggets. Lash was hired away from Denver where he had spent five seasons working on draft analysis and scouting.

"We have begun to identify our next head coach, who we feel can best move us forward," Levien said.

Nava's 14th-inning single lifts Red Sox over Rays

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(AP)—John Lackey insisted he meant no harm, though the Tampa Bay Rays hardly were convinced of that after a testy game with Boston that included a bench-clearing scrum.

Daniel Nava hit a tiebreaking single in the 14th inning and the Red Sox recovered after blowing two late leads to beat Tampa Bay 10-8 on Monday night in a game that took 5 hours, 24 minutes—making it the second-longest in Rays history.

But the hot topic afterward was Lackey's sixth-inning pitch that hit Matt Joyce in the middle of the back.

Joyce had homered earlier and lined a 3-0 pitch foul into the right-field stands. The Rays outfielder shouted at Lackey after getting plunked but was restrained by Red Sox catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia as players from both teams streamed out of the dugouts and bullpens.

"I was just trying to come in there and get him off the plate a little bit," Lackey said. "They were swinging at pretty much everything I threw up there. I was trying to get a little bit of the plate for me."

Joyce and Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon felt the pitch was intentional.

"As far as I understood, he was pretty upset that I dropped my bat on the 3-0 swing," said Joyce, who eventually grounded out in that at-bat.

"I was actually pretty upset at myself," for not hitting such a good pitch, Joyce said. "Honestly, I felt like it was a pretty bush league move. I think it was very obvious. I'd really rather not get too much into it, but obviously I wasn't too happy about it."

There was pushing and shoving along the first base line, but it appeared no punches were thrown and the umpires did not eject anyone.

Boston manager John Farrell defended Lackey.

"He was trying to throw the ball in, off the plate, obviously. There was no intent to hit him," Farrell said. "Their guys took some good swings tonight on Lackey's fastball, and he was just trying to create a little openness on the outside of the plate and obviously the pitch got away from him."

Madden, meanwhile, said what Lackey did was "inappropriate."

"It all started because Matt hit a home run in the first inning and then apparently Lackey did not like the fact that he swung at a 3-0 pitch and almost hit another home run. So he intentionally hit him. There's no question in my mind he did," said Maddon, who's been friends with the Boston pitcher since both were in the Angels organization.

"And the sad part is I've always considered Lackey a good teammate," Maddon added. "But right there he could get



AP
Benches empty after Tampa Bay Rays' Matt Joyce was hit with a sixth-inning pitch by Boston Red Sox starting pitcher John Lackey during a baseball game Monday, June 10, 2013, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

one of his own players hurt. ... That's being a bad teammate as far as I'm concerned."

Shane Victorino opened the 14th with a single off Cesar Ramos (1-2), then tagged up and hustled to second when Dustin Pedroia flied out to deep right field.

David Ortiz was intentionally walked before Nava singled to center to put the Red Sox ahead. Saltalamacchia singled for his fourth hit, making it 10-8.

Franklin Morales (2-0) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Saltalamacchia gave the Red Sox an 8-6 lead with a two-run single in the 10th, but closer Andrew Bailey couldn't hold it.

After Jose Lobaton led off the bottom of the 10th with Tampa Bay's fourth solo homer, the Rays loaded the bases with no outs on two walks and Ben Zobrist's fifth hit.

Bailey walked Kelly Johnson on a 3-2 pitch—forcing in the tying run—but escaped further damage when Evan Longoria grounded into a 5-2-3 double play and Sam Fuld was thrown out trying to bunt for a potential game-winning hit.

Pedroia singled to extend his season-best hitting streak to 14 games and drive in the first two runs of a six-run first inning against Alex Cobb, who settled down after the rocky start to give the Rays a chance to come back against Lackey.

Pedroia drew a leadoff walk in the 10th and scored when Saltalamacchia singled off Fernando Rodney to give the Red Sox a second lead they couldn't hold.

Rangers 6, Cleveland 3
In Arlington, Texas, Lance Berkman hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning as the Texas Rangers beat Cleveland to hand the Indians their

eighth straight loss.

Berkman's homer was his first since May 24 and extended Cleveland's road losing streak to 12, its longest since a 16-game skid that carried over from 2009 into the second away game of 2010.

Robbie Ross (3-1) got the win after striking out the side following a leadoff walk in the seventh. Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save.

Scott Kazmir (3-4) ended up with the loss even though he was in the dugout when Berkman homered off Nick Hagadone.

Carlos Santana had a three-run double in the third inning, but the Indians didn't get another hit.

Royals 3, Tigers 2
In Kansas City, Jeremy Guthrie pitched impressively into the seventh inning and Salvador Perez hit a two-run triple as Kansas City got its sixth straight victory.

Guthrie (7-3) limited the Tigers to a two-run homer by Miguel Cabrera in 6 1-3 innings in helping the Royals to extend their longest winning streak since they won seven straight in September 2011. He gave up six hits and walked three.

Aaron Crow replaced Guthrie after he gave up a single to Avisail Garcia and he hit Andy Dirks with an 0-2 pitch. Crow retired Torii Hunter on a fly to shallow right and struck out Cabrera to end the threat.

Cabrera, who tops the American League with 90 hits and 69 RBIs, hit his 18th home run in the second after Hunter doubled.

Doug Fister (5-4), who is 0-3 in five starts since a victory May 14 over Houston, went the distance. He allowed three runs on nine hits.

Orioles 4, Angels 3

In Baltimore, Adam Jones hom-

ered and drove in three runs as Baltimore beat Los Angeles in a game marred by rain.

The teams played with wet baseballs on a muddy field and endured a delay of more than two hours before the final out was recorded shortly before midnight.

Mike Trout and Josh Hamilton homered for the Angels, who have lost three straight to fall 10 games under .500 (27-37). Jered Weaver (1-2) gave up four runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Freddy Garcia (3-3) allowed two runs and six hits over six innings for the Orioles. The 36-year-old righty improved to 17-3 against the Angels, 7-0 since the start of the 2005 season.

Jim Johnson got three straight outs for his 22nd save.

Mariners 3, Astros 2

In Seattle, Hisashi Iwakuma only allowed an unearned run in seven innings as the Mariners sent the Astros to their fifth straight defeat.

Raul Ibanez hit his team-high 12th home run and Michael Morse had an RBI double for Seattle.

Iwakuma (7-1) gave up four hits, struck out eight and walked one while reducing his ERA to 1.79, second-lowest in the majors behind Boston right-hander Clay Buchholz (1.71).

Tom Wilhelmsen got three outs for his 16th save in 19 opportunities. Pinch-hitter Carlos Corporan had a two-out RBI single in the ninth before Wilhelmsen retired Matt Dominguez on a foul pop to end it.

Ibanez tied the score with his solo shot in the fourth into the right-center seats off Dallas Keuchel (3-3).

White Sox 10, Blue Jays 6

In Chicago, Adam Dunn had two

homers and five RBIs to overcome two home runs and five RBIs by Toronto's Jose Bautista to give the White Sox a victory in a game delayed 1 hour, 10 minutes by fog.

Dunn hit a three-run home run off knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (5-8) in the fourth inning after he hit a solo shot in the third.

The game was played from the second inning on in fog which became so thick in the third inning that fly balls became an adventure. Umpires stopped play in the third and the fog continued to vary degress even after the break.

Reliever Nathan Jones (2-4) got the victory.

Reds 6, Cubs 2

In Chicago, Brandon Phillips hit a grand slam and matched his career high with six RBIs as the Cincinnati Reds extended their dominance over the Chicago Cubs with a 6-2 win Monday night at foggy Wrigley Field.

Phillips had an RBI single in the first inning, homered off Scott Feldman (5-5) in the third and added a run-scoring groundout in the sixth for his fourth game with six RBIs.

Across town, the Chicago White Sox and Toronto Blue Jays were delayed more than an hour because of a dense fog but the Cubs and Reds were never halted.

Cincinnati has won 10 straight at Wrigley Field, eight of 10 over the Cubs overall this season and 17 of the teams' last 20 matchups.

Homer Bailey (4-4) earned his first win since beating the Cubs on May 25. He pitched eight innings and gave up one unearned run and four hits while striking out eight to improve to 7-2 against Chicago, which fell to 7-19 in the NL Central.

Chicago has lost six of eight since a five-game winning streak.

Diamondbacks 5, Dodgers 4

In Los Angeles, Willie Bloomquist put Arizona ahead with a two-run infield single off Los Angeles closer Brandon League in a four-run ninth inning.

Diamondbacks closer Heath Bell barely held on for his 12th save as Arizona won its fifth straight against the Dodgers and improved to 6-1 against them this season.

Arizona closed to 3-2 in the ninth on pinch-hitter Jason Kubel's infield single that scored Martin Prado. Gerardo Parra doubled before League (2-3) walked pinch-hitter Didi Gregorius to load the bases.

Bloomquist hit a sharp grounder that shortstop Nick Punto stopped with a dive behind second base, but he couldn't hold onto the ball and two runs scored to give the Diamondbacks a 4-3 lead, their first of the game.

Peter Moylan gave up an RBI single to Paul Goldschmidt, making it 5-3.

Juan Uribe pulled the Dodgers to 5-4 in the bottom of the ninth with a homer off Bell, who had runners at the corners with none out before escaping. Tony Sipp (3-1) got one out for the win.

Dodgers rookie sensation Yasiel Puig went 3 for 4 while hitting fourth in the lineup after batting leadoff in his first seven big league games last week. He was named NL player of the week on Monday.

Padres 7, Braves 6

In San Diego, Logan Forsythe homered in his first at-bat of the season, Will Venable added a three-run shot and Jason Marquis won his seventh straight decision to lead San Diego over Atlanta.

Both home runs came off rookie Julio Teheran (4-3), who had a no-hitter through 7 2-3 innings in his previous start.

Braves rookie Evan Gattis had a pinch-hit, three-run homer with one out in the ninth off Tim Stauffer to pull the Braves to 7-5. Jason Heyward homered with two outs, his second solo shot of the game. It came off Dale Thayer, who got two outs for his first save.

Forsythe was reinstated from the 60-day disabled list earlier in the day to take the spot of rookie second baseman Jedd Gyorko, who was put on the 15-day DL with a strained groin.

Marquis (8-2) held Atlanta to two runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings.

Brewers 6, Marlins 1

In Miami, Yovani Gallardo threw eight scoreless innings and Jonathan Lucroy had four hits as Milwaukee beat Miami for its fourth consecutive victory.

Carlos Gomez had three hits and two RBIs, while Lucroy also drove in a pair of runs. Rickie Weeks homered among his three hits for the Brewers, who tied a season high with 16 hits despite playing without slugger Ryan Braun after he aggravated his sore right thumb Sunday against Philadelphia.

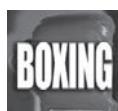
Gallardo (5-6) won for the second time since April 29 and became the third Brewers pitcher to strike out 1,000 batters, joining Ben Sheets and Teddy Higuera. The right-hander allowed four hits and one walk while striking out four.

The Marlins scored on a ninth-inning groundout to avoid the shutout, but have managed no more than one run in 21 of their 63 games. Miami's record is a major league-worst 18-45.

Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton went 1 for 4 in his first game since April 29 after missing 36 due to a right hamstring injury.

Ricky Nolasco (3-7) allowed a season-high 10 hits and four runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Pacquiao to make Macau mecca of boxing action



HONG KONG— Years ago Macau snatched the title of the world's biggest gambling hub from Las Vegas and now, it wants a slice of the boxing action, too.

With Manny Pacquiao following Chinese star Zou Shiming to the glitz casino haven near Hong Kong, Macau looks set to copy Vegas by becoming a boxing capital—with promoters eyeing a huge potential audience in China.

The November 24 bout between Pacquiao and American Brandon Rios in the semi-autonomous territory will be the biggest pro fight yet on Chinese soil. Not surprisingly, it will be financially advantageous for all concerned.

Filipino Pacquiao, 34, once considered the world's best pound-for-pound fighter but now battling back from two straight losses, saves a fortune



Pacquiao

in American tax. He has not fought outside the United States since 2006.

Macau, and especially The Venetian, the giant casino-resort which is hosting the fight, gains more visitors, a higher profile, and an image diversified away from gambling.

And top American promoter Bob Arum brings another big event to China, which he calls the "new destination for big time boxing." Zou's win against Eleazar Valenzuela last month drew an estimated 300 million TV viewers in the country.

Organizers say no final decision has been made on the fight's timing, although expectations are high that it will be on the morning of November 24, which is a Sunday, to hit Saturday night TV audiences in the US.

The unusual start time could copy the strategy used way back in 1975, for the legendary "Thrill-

la in Manila" when Muhammad Ali fought Joe Frazier from 10:45 a.m. in the Filipino capital.

Macau's gambling profits overtook Las Vegas in 2006 and Glenn McCartney, assistant professor of gaming and hospitality management at the University of Macau, said it now needed to diversify.

"Historically it's been labelled as a gaming destination," he said. "In Vegas 15 or 20 years ago they realized they could make money from other leisure tourism or business streams."

"There can be a tremendous multiplier effect on hosting events, which needs to be looked at more in order to push this strategy more across the industry. You want to get a positive branding that this is now a city of diversity." Arum tested the waters for Macau as a big fight venue in April, when China's shining hope Zou fought his professional debut there.

Signing up the country's most successful ever amateur

was a shrewd move by Arum, founder and chief executive of Top Rank promotions, who can clearly smell the big money to

be made in the country of 1.3 billion people.

Two-thirds of the 15,000 seats in The Venetian's CotaiArena

venue were filled for the four-round bout, which saw Zou beat Mexico's Valenzuela in a unanimous points decision. (AFP)

Emon Lodge caging kicks off June 23

The Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup will open shop on June 23 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

So far six teams have confirmed participation on the open tournament. Leading the list is back-to-back champion Mobil, which beat Armatech in the 2010 finals, 93-80, and Hi-Five last year, 83-64. Out to end Mobil's reign in the Emon Lodge caging are Mariana Resort & Spa, KFC, Pacific Islands Club, the Ol'Aces, and Proa.

League chair Bong Malasarte said they are still waiting confirmation from two more teams to complete this season's field. Malasarte added representatives of participating teams are re-



quested to attend a meeting this Friday at 7:30pm at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe.

Details about the opening will be discussed at the penultimate meeting, while teams are also asked to turn in copies of their rosters and entrance fee (\$400). Waiver forms will be distributed at the meeting and should be turned over before the league kicks off, while schedule of games will be discussed, too this Friday.

For more information, contact Malasarte at 287-5525 or bong@malasarte.com and Peter Crisostomo at 483-2356. (Rosenlyn B. Monroyo)

◀ Mobil's Marvin Rabauliman goes up for a shot against two Armatech defenders during last year's Emon Lodge caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Ultimate Frisbee workouts now thrice a week

Ultimate Frisbee enthusiasts or those wanting to try out the sport can take part in workouts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

A group of players play Ultimate Frisbee every Monday starting 5pm behind Sandy

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and the former survived another extended match. Pangilinan lost the opening game, 17-21, but stole the win after sweeping the last two, 21-13, 21-13.

Meanwhile, seven of the eight other singles matches last Friday were decided after only two games.

In the men's singles A, Jexler Caranto downed Jeff Riman, 21-12, 21-18, while Ferdie Arago defeated Macoi Aguda, 21-20, 21-11. Riman managed to split his two games last Friday after a 21-13, 18-21, 21-17 win over Daniel Shen, who went 0-for-2 in Day 7 after forfeiting a match to Chris Hilario in class B.

In other men's singles B results, Ezekiel Macario swept

Rodwealth Espana, 21-19, 21-15. Almost Edrelin and Mr. Park triumphed in class C, thumping Jeremi Montenejo, 21-12, 21-17, and Joyce Maverick, 21-9, 21-16, respectively, while Mark Apolinario got a free win via default over A.J. Ortega.

In the women's singles B, Cardinio edged Windy Fernandez, 21-16, 21-19, while Francisco defeated Nicole Malasarte in class C, 21-20, 21-15.

In the mixed doubles B, Jerry Tan and Shirley Kim outclassed Elma Labuson and Puy Macario, 19-21, 21-18, 21-10, while Espana and Elna Curate survived Tan and Kim, 15-21, 21-20, 21-18. In other mixed doubles A, Hilario and Obata also needed three games to thwart Loida Ito and Espana, 18-21, 21-18, 21-17.

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Five players scored for Flip Top in the second canto against only three for Adobo.

Adobo regrouped in the third period with Deleon Guerrero firing 6 points and nearly matching the entire output (8 points) of Flip Top's crew. Lester Vertudez added 4 and his three other teammates also contributed at least one field goal to hand Adobo a double-digit lead, 43-33, entering the final canto.

Flip Top flopped in the pivotal third, as it was held to three field goals and it failed to mount a comeback in the fourth canto with Deleon Guerrero still leading Adobo's surge.

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Docomo 8-0 run midway in the fourth, while Barcina scored three straight points, followed by two free throws from the former to move DFS within 1, 76-77, with less than three minutes left on the clock.

Docomo started grabbing the lead around the six-minute mark of the fourth canto, 66-64, off Marlon Sison's 5 straight points and stretched the advantage to as much as 5, 77-72, past the halfway mark of that period with Sison canning a triple, Tim Wesley making a layup, and Elgene Mangali going 2-for-4 from the line.

Docomo eventually lost the driver's seat, as it committed a couple of turnovers against DFS' pressure defense. A Chariton short jumper gave the lead back to DFS, 78-77, before Docomo briefly tied the match with a split from Tim Wesley, while Barcina also went 1 for-2 from the stripe in the ensuing play to break the last deadlock, 79-78.

In the first semis game, San Roque finished strong after being threatened by Lyn's Heat in the last 2:20 of the win-or-go home match.

A triple from Bernard Montano sliced San Roque's double-digit lead to 5, 68-73, but that was also Lyn's Heat's last basket. A drive-and-draw play from Elmer Pineda with Gil Gapor on the finishing end with his baseline shot stopped Lyn's Heat's rally and increased San Roque's lead to 7 points, 75-68, going into the last two minutes of the match.

Christian Devero then missed two straight shots in the paint and that had been the story for Lyn's Heat in the closing minutes, as it could not find its target, while San Roque got a

few uncontested baskets and offensive boards en route to the 12-point win.

Gapor paced San Roque with his 16 points, while Art Salazar and Angelo Fernando added 15 and 14, respectively. McClain Achas also finished in twin digits with his 11 markers.

Joy Dayrit led Lyn's Heat with his 13 points, but he made only one field goal in the fourth.

Meanwhile, in Adobo's title duel against San Roque this weekend, the defending champion is eyeing to keep its undefeated record for two seasons. Last season, Adobo won all its 11 games to rule the B division of the DLX caging, capping its perfect run with a 66-62 finals victory over Gualo Rai/Morales.

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few uncontested baskets and offensive boards en route to the 12-point win.

In the first game, Mobil pulled off a come-from-behind win over Kalayaan, Inc.

Down at the end of each of the first three quarters, Mobil grabbed the lead just at the final two minute mark of the fourth canto and hung in there after making clutch free throws in the closing seconds.

Jun Estolas drilled four free throws, while Gil Gapor still suited up for Mobil after completing a game from another league and canned his third field goal in the fourth quarter alone for Mobil's 103-99 advantage, less than 20 seconds left on the clock.

With the clock ticking away, Leroi Pagara led Mangali an open look from downtown. After the error and DFS miss, Mangali split his charities to keep Docomo in the game, 79-82, 1:16 left in the playoff tiff. Mangali had another opportunity to move Docomo further when Libuw muffed two free throws on the other end, but the former also missed a point-blank shot. A floater from Barcina, who scored 7 of his 8 points in the final canto, and a split free throw in the last 40 seconds of the match sealed the win for DFS.

Chariton top-scored for DFS with his 24 points, while Libuw

also had 20-plus productions, adding 24 and 23, respectively. Gyles Ruluked added 18 before fouling out early in the fourth, while Gapor provided 7 crucial markers.

Pagara led Kalayaan, Inc. missed bid after scoring a game-high 32 points. Only he and Roger Herrera made field goals for Kalayaan in the fourth canto.

First Game

Mobil 104 — Estolas 29, Rabauliman 24, Gamboa 23, Ruluked 18, Gapor 7.

Kalayaan, Inc. 99 — Pagara 32, Herrera 15, Leroi 14, Ritual 12, Caro 10, Rejano 6, Camacho 4, Rog. Hernandez 1.

Scoring by quarters: 20-27, 47-50, 80-77, 104-99.

Second Game

DFS Galleria 85 — Chariton 24, Libuw 16, Esdrelon 13, Lizama 13, Guiab 8, Dikito 3.

Docomo Pacific 79 — Wesley 20, Mangali 16, Sison 14, Sanciangco 10, Paraiso 9, Tudela 6, McCale 2, Sablan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-14, 40-36, 62-61, 85-79.

Estolas paced Mobil with his 29 points, while Marvin Rabauliman and Ronnel Gamboa

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	25	.609	—
New York	37	26	.587	1 1/2
Baltimore	35	28	.556	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	34	28	.548	4
Toronto	27	35	.435	11

Central Division

Detroit	35	26	.574	—
Cleveland	30	32	.484	5 1/2
Kansas City	28	32	.467	6 1/2
Minnesota	27	33	.450	7 1/2
Chicago	27	34	.443	8

West Division

Texas	37	25	.597	—
Oakland	38	27	.585	1/2
Los Angeles	27	36	.429	10 1/2
Seattle	27	37	.422	11
Houston	22	42	.344	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	39	24	.619	—
Washington	31	31	.500	7 1/2
Philadelphia	31	33	.	

2013 Saipan Little League Baseball

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The Pinnacle Rockies coach huddles with his players at third base during a regular season game against Go See Mark Ol'Aces in the Major division of the 2013 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Pangelinan Ballfield.



The Go See Mark Ol'Aces first baseman catches the ball.



An As Matus Twins pitcher eyes his target.



A Lions pitcher makes eye contact with his catcher during a Senior League game at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



The Falcons' Jester Kintaro catches a throw from home plate.



A Comets infielder tries to tag out an Ol'Aces runner at second.



A Go See Mark Ol'Aces batter waits for the pitch.



An IT&E second baseman catches a grounder while an Ol'Aces runner sprints to the base.



An X-clusive runner dives to second base.



A Laolao Bay Golf Resort batter gets ready to swing against an IT&E pitcher.



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Adobo sets title defense vs San Roque

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Adobo earned a return trip to the finals and will be battling the San Roque Bandits in the winner-take-all championship game in the 2013 DLX International Basketball League this Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



The defending champion marched into its second straight finals appearance after beating Flip Top, 63-55, last Monday night, while San Roque won the other semis game against Lyn's Heat, 80-68. The Adobo-San Roque title showdown will be played at 7pm.

After engaging Flip Top in a seesaw battle in the first half, Adobo gained leverage in the sec-

ond half behind Shane Deleon Guerrero's much-improved game. Deleon Guerrero was held to 4 points in the first period and was scoreless in the second canto before pouring in 17 points in the second half, 9 of them in the final canto.

With Deleon Guererro quiet in the second frame and Ichitaro Faisao scoring the bulk of Adobo's 11 points in that period, Flip Top managed to turn a 10-17 deficit to a 28-25 halftime advantage.

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Twin wins for 3 players

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Three players got two victories in Day 7 of the 2013 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

The pair of Rowena Sison and Bong Lagrazon went 2-for-2 in the mixed doubles C, while Janelle Pangilinan won both

her singles and mixed doubles games last Friday to lead 19 other winners in Day 7 of the annual competition.

Sison and Lagrazon first notched a victory over the tandem of Dianne Francisco and Ariel Nodado despite dropping the opening game, 15-21. The winning duo bounced back in the second game, 21-19, and completed the recovery with a 21-13 triumph in the deciding

third game. Next up for Sison and Lagrazon were Havika Farro and Kevin Park and this time the first pair needed only two games to prevail, 21-20, 21-15.

Pangilinan played in the mixed doubles B and partnered with brother Jordan in slipping past Toshiko Obata and Brandon Talania. The Pangilinan siblings topped Game 1, 21-18, but missed a sweep when Obata and Talania eked out a 21-20 win in Game 2. The brother and sister pair then regrouped in Game 3, 21-12.

After her 6:45pm to 7:30pm match, Janelle Pangilinan returned to the court for an 8:15pm date with Jen Cardinio

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DFS, Mobil enter semifinals



DFS' Elmer Esdrelon, left, and Gino Libuw go for the loose ball during the second quarter of their playoff game against Docomo Pacific in the Shirley's caging last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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The 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League is down to four teams after Mobil and DFS eliminated separates opponents last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Mobil ousted Kalayaan, Inc., 104-99, while defending champion DFS Galleria booted out Docomo Pacific, 85-79. Mobil and DFS played steady in the homestretch to arrange their semis duel tonight at 8pm. The other Final Four pairing today will have PSS/Hoopaholics meeting Dollar Days at 6:30pm.

DFS, which was pestered by Docomo's repeated comeback bids and was at one point down by 5 in the fourth, drew big baskets from Gino Libuw, Dan Barcenas, and Keoni Chariton to down its stubborn foe.

Chariton hit a triple to halt a
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Chris Hilario jumps for a return during a mixed doubles A game in Week 2 of the IT&E tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.